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YOUNG JAY HEMPHILL receives comfort from unidentified woman and an Agawam firefighter...



...SOON AFTER, Deputy Fire Chief David Pisano leads Jay away from the scene of the January 5th blaze. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Saved Boy's Life...

Bob Gusek Just Happened To Be Home That Day

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Choking, black smoke quickly filled the house and flames spread as a young boy cried for help from a second story window in his home.

On that cold, Sunday afternoon, January 5th, Robert Gusek of 21 Alfred Street, in Agawam, wasn't working. For the first weekend in over a month, he was home and it's a lucky thing for Jay Hemphill and his family that he was.

It had snowed during the night and Gusek was outside cleaning the yard with the snowblower when his daughter, Christina, ran to get him. She heard the screams for help from what she thought had been a car accident.

Gusek said he called to his son, Michael, to call an ambulance and started toward the end of the street.

On reaching the corner, he saw the burning house at 1161 Main Street. He could hear the boy pleading, "Help me, please help me, I'm going to die." In a small casement window, no more than 18 inches high, he saw the panicking boy struggling to get his arms and head through the tight opening.

Gusek tried to enter the back door but the heat was so intense and the smoke so thick, he was pushed back. Smoke and flames seized the front door, making entry there impossible, also. A ladder was the only way to reach Jay. Gusek headed for the garage only to find it locked. Christina and two of her friends, Kim Hollinger and Sharon von Hollander, ran to Gusek carrying a ladder from one of their homes.

Jay had managed to get his head out the window to breathe in fresh air, but his clothing was caught on the window. As Gusek reached him, swells of acrid smoke blew into his face. He asked the boy, "Are you burning?" to make sure the fire wasn't in his vicinity yet. He was still safe. It was evident, however, that the boy wouldn't fit through the limited, crank-style window. Gusek wrestled with the crossmember and punched it down, expanding the escape area.

As Gusek got to the boy, he unhooked his clothing and pulled him out. The boy's fear let go. He clutched for Gusek, his legs pushing from the house, tilting the ladder backwards. Gusek said he grabbed the window frame to steady the ladder.

"I kept trying to calm the boy down, but he had every right to be scared," he said. Below, Christina ran for the bags of garbage stacked along the garage and put them around the ladder on the ground in case the two of them fell.

The Agawam Fire Department was well on the scene by this time and Firefighter Vincent Bertrand, a 17-year veteran of the Department, had put up another ladder. Bertrand took Jay from Gusek. According to Gusek, "The Fire Department responded quickly. The whole thing only took about five or 10 minutes, but it seemed like hours."

Gusek was taken to Mercy Hospital where he was treated for smoke inhalation. He related at his home after the blaze, "The smoke poured out of the window so badly, I kept having to look down (illustrating with his head under his arm), taking deep breaths." He was hospitalized for about two hours, but said it wasn't too bad because, "they got me out of there in time to see the New England Patriots win!"

SEE RIGHT PLACE AT RIGHT TIME - Page 2...

4 New Police Officers Sworn-In By Town



TOWN CLERK RICHARD M. THEROUX (left) swears-in four new police officers as various town officials look on, Tuesday, January 21st, at Town Hall. From left - Theroux, Andrew Gallano, council president; Dorothy Nelsen, council vice-president; Stanley J. Chmielewski, police chief; Reid S. Charles, town manager; and Stanley Chmielewski Jr., Thomas Marmo Paul Murphy, and Joseph Edwards, new patrolmen. Missing from photo was James Taylor, also a new patrolman. (SEE PAGE 6 for related picture). Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.



AGAWAM POLICE OFFICER ROBERT MARSH administers to a fallen Agawam Firefighter who was injured at the recent fire on 1161 Main Street, Agawam. Looking on are neighbors. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AT THE RIGHT PLACE - From Page 1...

Gusek is a compassionate man familiar with emergency situations. He holds certificates in CPR and first-aid and is a member of the Medical Response Team where he is employed. In crisis situations, calm and deliberate action is his hallmark. He said, "You just react to something. No matter what it is. You just do it and you're not afraid."

"I'm relieved that the boy is O.K. I'm glad I could do something to help. I think it's all part of being human. I don't think that people just stand around looking to look. They just don't know what to do," he said.

Deputy Fire Chief David Pisano added, "Robert Gusek definitely has our thanks and praise. Too many times people don't get the recognition they deserve when something like this happens." For all of us, "fortunately nobody was hurt."

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TOWN OF AGAWAM Board Of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1986, at 8:00 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of FRANK MASCARO who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 31 (a) and Paragraph 32 to allow the construction of a two family residence on a lot with less than the required frontage known as 45-47 JAMES AVENUE.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Progulski
Chairman
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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, Thursday, January 30, 1986 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of Louis Bianco who is seeking relief from Section 20 Paragraph 25 of the zoning ordinances to allow the construction of a single family residence on a lot with less than the required frontage and area at the premises known as 33 CLEVELAND STREET.

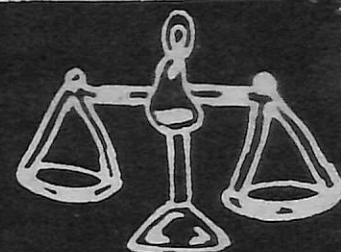
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Melconian Applauds Self-Insurance Groups

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) recently announced that Governor Michael Dukakis has signed into public law, House Bill 6961, which allows municipalities to establish self-insurance groups through the pooling of their liabilities for property and casualties benefits. The self-insurance group would consist of five or more public entities.

Senator Melconian, who has been working closely with other legislators and the Massachusetts Municipal Association over the last four months, strongly endorsed this bill.

"We put our thinking caps on and worked cooperatively and cohesively to put this legislation together in a relatively short time. This law addresses a very serious insurance problem that was brought to my personal attention at a meeting with several hilltown representatives in Huntington last September," stated Senator Melconian.

"Over the past couple of years, municipal liability insurance costs have risen dramatically. Many small cities and towns are already in a fiscal crunch due to Proposition 2½ and cannot afford this kind of substantial increase.

"Additionally, the coverage available for general liability does not include protection for local elected officials acting in that capacity and for firemen and policemen. The new law will allow cities and towns (five or more) to pool their resources, determine the kind of coverage they need, and reduce their overall costs and still retain adequate insurance coverage," said Senator Melconian.

"It is absolutely imperative," continued Senator Melconian, "that the Commonwealth's cities and towns have alternative insurance options for their protection in the event of an unfortunate incident. This law provides a viable insurance alternative that will be affordable and provide cities and towns the necessary insurance protection they need."

In addition to the above provisions, the bill establishes criteria concerning the group's formation, and its structure and conditions upon which the Commissioner of Insurance shall issue certificates of approval. The certificate authorizes the group to provide insurance coverage to its members.

Deadline for classified ads is Tuesday, at noontime. Pre-payment is required!

MUNICIPAL EVENTS

COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME

Tuesday, January 28th
School Committee Meeting
Junior High School
7:00 P.M.

Thursday, January 30th
Board of Appeals
Town Hall Annex
7:00 P.M.

Monday, February 3rd
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
8:00 P.M.

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Registry Of Deeds Continues To Streamline

With the vast increase of business at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, recent computations indicate that binding books off premises will represent substantial savings over the present in-house method.

Hampden County Register of Deeds Donald E. Ashe announced that the Registry's book binding department is simply no longer cost-efficient with the volume of documents recorded today.

The bindery, which presently binds and repairs all record books, operated at a cost of \$73,356.17 last year. This figure includes the salaries of four employees, utilities, and materials. Sending the documents out to be bound is estimated to cost approximately \$18,000 for the same period of time and at the present rate of recording. This would result in an annual savings of approximately \$55,350.

This change will be just another step in Ashe's plan

to reduce overhead, provide better service to the general public, and bring the Registry of Deeds into the 20th century.

Along with the monetary savings, the majority of the space now occupied by the bindery will also be used more effectively in an effort to aid the Registry's ever-increasing shortage of space, a problem which has already necessitated Ashe to have temporary shelving built in a storage room to be used as an annex for books more seldomly used.

In addition, Ashe will be able to take two of the present book binders and retrain them to work in other departments, saving the county the expense of hiring two additional employees. The two remaining employees in the bindery will continue working in their present capacity to facilitate the continual process of repairing the volumes, dating back to 1636.

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AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION



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TIME: Saturday, January 25, 1986
10:00 A.M. To 2:00 P.M.

PLACE: Polish American Club
Southwick Street, Feeding Hills

The Late Fee Of \$5.00 Will Be Waived Because Of Late Notification To The Public. After This Date, A \$5.00 Late Fee Will Be Charged.

Due to the increasing interest in spring soccer, the Agawam Soccer Association will hold a registration on January 25, 1986 for the 1986 spring soccer season. Before registering your child, we would recommend that you consider the following information about the spring soccer program.

1. The league your child will participate in will be the inter-city league, known as the Pioneer Valley League. This will require traveling to other towns to play games. There will *not* be an intramural league in the spring.
2. The spring soccer league play will begin around the second week of April and end during the second week in June. Will your child's involvement in spring soccer conflict with any other spring sport?
3. Your child will play an average of 2 games per week - one game during the week and one on either Saturday or Sunday. If we should have a large sign-up, we will need coaches. So please sign-up when you register your child.

The fee includes a jersey and socks — which you keep at the end of the season.

BOYS AND GIRLS AGE GROUPS:

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U-12.....	1974, 1975
U-14.....	1972, 1973
U-16	1970, 1971
U-19.....	1967, 1968, 1969



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REFUNDS: If for any reason we cannot put your child on a team, your money will be refunded.

Police Chief Proud Of His New Patrolman



AGAWAM POLICE CHIEF STANLEY J. CHMIELEWSKI pins a patrolman's badge on his son, Stanley Chmielewski Jr., during ceremonies at the Agawam Town Hall, Tuesday, January 21st. The younger Chmielewski was one of four new police officers sworn-in. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

Longhi Says Police Cracking Down On Snowmobile Violations

Agawam Police Sergeant Alfred J. Longhi, traffic commander of the department, would like to make town residents aware of the law for the use of snowmobiles and recreation vehicles; under general laws they must be registered.

Snow Vehicle or a Recreation Vehicle: No one under the age of 16½ years-old shall operate a snow vehicle or recreation vehicle across a public highway. No one under 14 years-old shall operate a snow vehicle or recreation vehicle unless directly supervised by an adult. You cannot ride on highways or sidewalks.

Operating on Private Property: No person shall operate a snow vehicle or recreation vehicle on private property without the permission of the owner.

Occupied Residences: No person shall operate a snow vehicle or recreation vehicle within 300 feet of an occupied residence without permission of the owner, unless it is posted that they can do so.

Snow Cover: No person shall operate a snow vehicle on any land where it is permitted unless there is a minimum average depth of four inches of packed snow.

Curfew Hours: No person shall operate a snow vehicle or recreation vehicle between the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Equipment: You shall wear a helmet, have head light, and rear red light.

Snow Vehicles or Recreation Vehicles: If vehicles are not registered, they can be towed at owner's expense and violations issued with fines up to \$100. For any of the above violations of recreation laws, from \$20 to \$100.

Police have had many complaints on both improper use of snow vehicles and recreation vehicles. "We will, along with the recreational vehicles officer, issue violations and tow when necessary," said Longhi.

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AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 30, 1986, at 7:00 P.M., in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of WESTMASS AREA DEVELOPMENT CORP., to rezone 31.86 acres of land. 20.47 acres located at 942 Shoemaker Lane will be rezoned from Residence A-2 to Industrial A, and 11.39 acres located in the vicinity of Garden Street zoned Business B will be rezoned to Industrial A. These parcels being further described and bounded as follows.

Beginning at a point on the northerly sideline of Shoemaker Lane in Agawam, said point being N50°-03'-30"E, thirty one and 17/100 (31.17) feet from Shoemaker Lane baseline station 116 plus 85.22; thence running N57°-56'-16"E, two hundred ten and 00/100 (210.00) feet to a point; thence running N47°-03'-44"W two hundred sixty five and 00/100 (265.00) feet to a point; thence running N56°-39'-15"W two hundred twenty two and 88/100 (222.88) feet to a point; thence running S86°-12'-11"W eight and 00/100 (80.00) feet to a point; thence running N31°-12'-11"E, three hundred sixty five and 00/100 (365.00) feet to a point; thence running N87°-12'-11"E four hundred seventy six and 59/100 (476.59) feet to a point; thence running N86°-49'-11"E one hundred fifty and 23/100 (150.23) feet to a point; thence running S3°-55'-19"E two hundred eighty eight and 00/100 (288.00) feet to a point; thence running N86°-43'-11"E three hundred ten and 00/100 (310.00) feet to a point at land of Richard S. Thomas Sr. and Richard S. Thomas Jr., the last nine (9) courses being along land of Leonard P. Rising et. ux.; thence running N5°-11'-49"W two hundred twenty nine and 94/100 (229.94) feet to a point; thence running N87°-12'-41"E one thousand forty three and 81/100 (1043.81) feet to a point; thence running S4°-35'-21"E four hundred fifty seven and 38/100 (457.38) feet to a point; thence running S84°-49'-39"W three hundred seventy one and 44/100 (371.44) feet to a point; thence running S85°-28'-30"W four hundred twenty six and 56/100 (426.56) feet to a point at land of Leonard P. Rising et. ux., the last five (5) courses being along land of Richard S. Thomas Sr. and Richard S. Thomas Jr.; thence running S00°-28'-36"W four hundred sixty five and 82/100 (465.82) feet to a point; thence running N89°-09'-49"W nine hundred seventy-six and 86/100 (976.86) feet to a point in the northerly sideline of Shoemaker Lane; thence running N32°-03'-44"W one hundred nine and 08/100 (109.08) feet, along the northerly sideline of Shoemaker Lane, to a point at the beginning of a curve; thence continuing along the northerly sideline of Shoemaker Lane, along a non-concentric curve having a radius of forty (40) feet for a distance of thirty and 70/100 (30.70) feet to the end of said curve, (the chord bearing of said curve being S11°-32'-09"E); thence continuing along the northerly sideline of Shoemaker Lane, N32°-03'-44"W one hundred seventy five and 00/100 (175.00) feet to the point of beginning. Said described parcel contains 31.86 acres and is shown on a plan prepared by D. L. Bean, Inc. for WestMass Area Development Corp. dated November 27, 1985.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Published: January 16, 1986
January 23, 1986

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Agawam Obituaries

Francis Merrigan

East Longmeadow: Francis T. Merrigan, 68, of 82 Meadowbrook Road, a former reporter and news executive at The Morning Union, died Friday, January 17th, in Mercy Hospital, Springfield, after a long illness.

Merrigan, who served as state and then business editor, left the Union in the early 1960s to become a public relations consultant in Springfield.

He was public relations director of Mercy Hospital in Springfield, Providence Hospital in Holyoke and was public relations officer for Farren Memorial Hospital in Montague.

He was also a public relations officer at Wesson Women's Hospital, Springfield, Noble Hospital, Westfield, and Holyoke Hospital.

Merrigan also served as public relations director for several political campaigns.

He was founder and first state director of the New England Hospitals Public Relations Association. The organization was formed in 1968.

Born in South Deerfield, he was a 1937 graduate of Deerfield Academy, and had lived in Springfield several years before moving to East Longmeadow in 1950.

He was an Air Force veteran of World War II, having served with the Seventh Air Force in the Pacific theatre.

He was a former member of the East Longmeadow Lions Club, East Longmeadow Rotary Club and the Valley Press Club.

He was a communicant of St. Michael's Church, and a member of the East Longmeadow Conservation Commission and had served as chairman of the Town Report.

He leaves his wife, the former Margaret E. Sargent; a son, Francis M. of Springfield; four daughters, Margo Manning of Monson, Susan Merrigan-Mondoux and

Kathe E. Merrigan, both of East Longmeadow, Ellen Race of Wilbraham; two brothers, Hampshire County Assistant District Attorney Thomas Merrigan of Greenfield and North Adams Postmaster Raymond Merrigan, and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was Monday at the Hafey East Longmeadow Chapels and in the church, with burial in Baptist Village Cemetery, East Longmeadow.

Thelma R. Price

Agawam: Thelma R. (Robbins) Price, 79, of 362 North Street in the Feeding Hills section, died Thursday, January 16th, in a local nursing home. Her husband, Clifford Price, died in 1946. She leaves two sons, Richard A. of Mexico, and Herbert R. of California; a daughter, Lucinda Kachur of Feeding Hills; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The funeral was Saturday morning at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, West Springfield, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford. Donations may be made to any charity.

Amelia V. Casiello

Agawam: Amelia V. (Gatto) Casiello, 81, of 61 Leland Avenue, died Monday, January 13th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. Born in Springfield, she lived in Enfield 22 years and then in West Springfield 16 years before she moved to Agawam in 1945. She was a member of the St. John the Evangelist Church. She leaves her husband, Thomas L. Casiello, three sons, George T. and Thomas H., both of Agawam, and Gerald L. of Redding, Connecticut; a daughter, Joyce E. Colburn of Agawam; a brother, Thomas Gatto of Enfield; three sisters, Antoinette McGuire and Mary Gatto, both of Enfield, and Edith Verdina of Longmeadow; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The funeral was Thursday morning in North Agawam.

The group wishes to thank all those citizens who spoke out against the tower, those who spent hours of their time documenting the potential dangers of such a tower, and those public officials such as Agawam Town Councilor Mario DeLuchi who assisted in the effort against the tower.

Special thanks is given to State Representative Michael Walsh for his work in presenting the citizens' case against the tower to the management of the utility company.

The decision of WMECO is certainly in the best interest of all of the citizens of the town of Agawam. We thank WMECO for their decision.

Lawrence Scherpa
Janice DeFilipi

ing at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Ralph M. Holmes

Agawam: Ralph M. Holmes, 75, of 62 Amherst Avenue, Feeding Hills section, a 35-year rug and tile installer for the Feeney Floor Covering Company, died Friday, January 17th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. Born in Hadley, he lived in Feeding Hills for 10 years. He retired in 1985. He leaves his wife, the former Lorna Tarrant; a son, Thomas of Springfield; two daughters, Gail Baker of Utica, New York and Shirley Trusiewicz of Chicopee; two brothers, Clarence of Amherst and Richard of Montpelier, Vermont; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild. The funeral was Tuesday afternoon at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, West Springfield, with burial in North Amherst Cemetery, Amherst.

Clifton E. Hobson

Agawam: Clifton E. Hobson, 80, of 96 Shebley Court, Feeding Hills, a retired 20-year fish and meat cutter for Schermerhorn Fish Market Inc. of Springfield, died Thursday, January 16th, at home. Born in Wakefield, he was a Springfield resident for many years before moving to Agawam 25 years ago. He retired in 1970. He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church. His wife, the former Diana Particelli, died in 1983. He leaves three daughters, Irma G. Gaffney of East Sandwich, Barbara A. Howarth of Niceville, Florida, and Linda M. Hobson of Navato, California; two brothers, P. Howard Hobson of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and Frederick J. Hobson of Providence, Rhode Island; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The funeral was Monday at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street cemetery.

TAX CORRECTION

The Town of Agawam, in its publication of tax-taking notices last week in this newspaper, incorrectly listed taxes owed at property located at 29 Hunting Lane, Agawam. The tax-taking should have read Raymond Bobrowski, 52 Warren Street, West Springfield.



Letters To The EDITOR

T.A.C.T. Applauds WMECO Decision

To The Editor:

The members of T.A.C.T., the Tower Awareness Crisis Team, applaud the decision of Western Massachusetts Electric in withdrawing application for a zoning variance to construct a 180 foot micro-wave

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Kathleen A. Femmel Bride Of Mr. Douglas W. Pelland

Miss Kathleen Ann Femmel became the bride of Mr. Douglas Walter Pelland on Saturday, November 30th, in Agawam Congregational Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur H. Femmel, Letendre Avenue, Feeding Hills. Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Pelland, 90 Sylvan Street, Springfield, are parents of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School. She attended University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and is a graduate of Springfield Technical Community College. She is a real estate paralegal for the law firm of Rutberg & Heller in Lenox.

Mr. Pelland is a graduate of Classical High School. He attended Springfield Technical Community College and is an assistant supervisor at A. H. Rice Co. in Pittsfield.

Attending the couple as matron of honor was Mrs. Edward Bouquet, sister of the bride. Best man was Ralph Pelland Jr., brother of the groom. Elaina Granger was a bridesmaid and John Femmel was an usher.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Jamaica and will make their home in Stockbridge.

Sons Of Norway Lodge To Install Officers

Sons of Norway, Neptune Lodge 3-552, will hold its next meeting on Friday, January 24th, at 8:00 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

Officers will be installed at this meeting. All Scandinavians or persons interested in Norwegian culture are welcome.

Agawam UNICO Has Annual Dinner Set

The Agawam chapter of UNICO National will have its 24th Annual Macaroni and Meatball Supper, Sunday, March 2nd, at the Agawam High School, Cooper Street, Agawam, with continuous serving from noon to 5:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children. Tickets may be purchased from any UNICO member or at the door March 2nd. Walk-ins are always welcomed by UNICO.

Tickets may also be obtained by calling ticket chairman Richard DiLullo, 786-0699. DiLullo has worked for many of the chapter's fundraisers over the years besides being the club's treasurer and a member of the board of directors.

Tickets may also be obtained from event co-chairman Frank Chiscola, 786-1225, and Charles Calabrese, 786-4303. Local businesses, including Gino's Liquors, Malone's Farm and Garden Center, and Mutti's Service Station also are carrying tickets for the event.

Proceeds will benefit mental health, retarded children, yearly scholarship for Agawam High students, special education projects, and many other community charities.

Take-outs will be available and containers will be furnished.

Valentine's Dance Planned By Junior Women's Club

Tickets are available for the Valentine's Day dance to be held, Saturday, February 8th, at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills.

The dance, which is sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, will feature the popular-disc jockey Al Varelas with four hours of non-stop music and entertainment.

Doors will open at 8:30 p.m., with music from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. To obtain tickets, please contact chairwoman Faith Hyland, 786-9613, or any club member. Tickets will also be available at the door.

St. Anthony Of Padua Church Sponsors Valentine Dance

The Holy Name Society of St. Anthony of Padua, Agawam, will sponsor its Annual Valentine dinner-dance, Saturday, February 8th, in the church hall, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Table reservations of eight or 10 may be made by calling Ken Balboni, 737-3156, or Lou Scherpa,



MARYANN MIRANDA is the new assistant branch manager at the Holyoke branch of SIS.

Maryann Miranda Promoted To Assistant Branch Manager

A promotion was recently announced within the Retail Banking Division of SIS, according to James W. Broderick Jr., SIS vice president.

Maryann Miranda, a Feeding Hills resident and a graduate of Agawam High School, was named assistant branch manager of the Holyoke branch of SIS.

She began her banking career with SIS in 1981 as a teller. She worked in several SIS offices and was promoted to head teller before receiving her present promotion as assistant manager.

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

Agawam Attorney Thomas Locke, assisted by William O'Neill, conducted a seminar on Wills and Estates. This is one of the many seminars that will be presented by Attorney Locke and Mr. O'Neill. As a result of this program, residents are paying close attention in anticipation of their first "mock" trial. The seminar was attended by 27 inquisitive residents.

HALLEY'S COMET:

It's a bird - it's a plane - no, it's Halley's Comet! Richard Sanderson of the Springfield Star's Club will be presenting a slide presentation and discussion on Halley's Comet, Friday, February 7th. Residents remember the sightings of Halley's Comet in 1910 and are well-versed on the subject. Residents are looking forward to greeting Halley's Comet again, in 1986.

BIRD'S EYE VIEW - RESIDENTS BECOME CRITICS:

On Tuesday, January 14th, West Glen Films of New York invited the residents of Heritage Hall to critique their new film, *Denmark*.

The charming and picturesque travel film delighted residents who found it both educational and entertaining. Heritage Hall residents will be critiquing other films of a similar nature.

NOSTALGIC TUNES SWAY RESIDENTS:

Feet tapped and hands clapped to the nostalgic tunes of solo violinist, Edwin Gorczyca, Sunday, January 12th, as Heritage Hall residents took a trip down memory lane.

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK:

Genesis Health Ventures, managers and owners of Heritage Hall Homes, will be acknowledging a "resident of the week." This week's resident, CORA GODIN, resides in Heritage Hall's West Building.

A mother of six, a grandmother of 15, and great-grandmother of eight, Cora Godin was born in Springfield in 1894. Mrs. Godin was married to Albert Godin, a die sinker at the Springfield Armory.

Employed as a lamp shade maker, a very skilled and delicate profession, Mrs. Godin worked for Hall's Gallery of Springfield. Her profession led her to making lampshades for some of Springfield's most prominent citizens. During the Great Depression, she made all of her children's clothes. Congratulations Cora - it's a pleasure having you at Heritage Hall!

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Happy birthday to those residents celebrating a birthday in January.

VOLUNTEER SALUTE:

This week's salute is to volunteers Sarah Bragg and Lillian Chechile.

Sarah volunteers eight hours every Monday morning making "friendly" visits and offering a helping hand to staff and residents.

Lil, a long-time Heritage Hall volunteer, adds a special touch, sharing her many skills and talents with the residents.

Thank you for your time and dedication to enriching the lives of our residents!

WELCOME BACK! Anne O'Malley has just returned as our Bingo Caller after recovering from a broken leg. Nice to have you back.

Attorney Locke Speaks At Heritage Hall



AGAWAM ATTORNEY THOMAS LOCKE conducted a seminar on wills and estates recently at Heritage Hall Nursing Home for a group of residents of the home. Advertiser News

photo by R.T. McMullen.

Bird-Feeding Program Slated For Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is offering a special program on "Bird Seed Pick-Up Day" called **Bird Feeding From the Ground Up**, Saturday, January 25th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Join us to help install a bird feeding station at Laughing Brook. This hands-on experience will give you the information you need to set up or improve your own feeding station. Knowing what kind of food to put out, as well as where to put it, makes the difference between a successful feeding station and one that is only occasionally visited.

Bird Feeding From the Ground Up will cover types of seed, types of feeders, location considerations, and which species of birds are likely to visit your feeders.

Instructing the program will be Helen Bates, author of the *Sunday Republican's* *Feeder Scraps* column, and Laughing Brook staff.

Bird Feeding From the Ground Up is open to the public. For more information and fees, contact Laughing Brook, 566-8034.

Ghost Hunters Guests Of Agawam Historical Assn.

On Friday, April 25th, the Agawam Historical Association will present a program by Ed & Lorraine Warren of Monroe, Connecticut, famed psychic and ghost hunters.

The Warrens have spoken all over the U.S. and abroad. Their knowledge and expertise in psychic phenomenon is well-known.

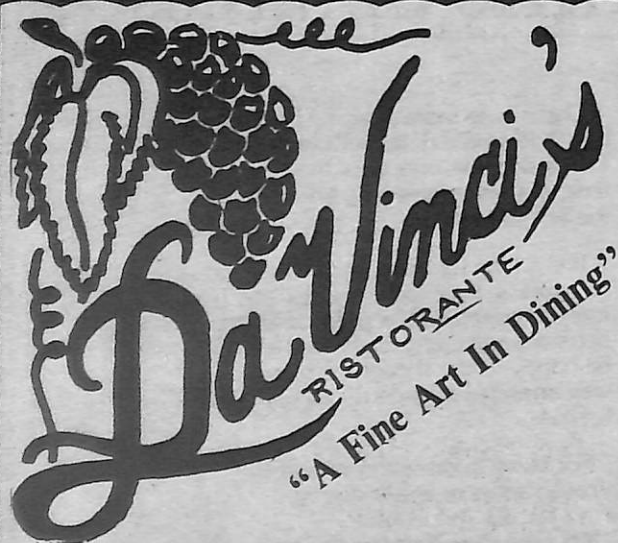
They have been used as consultants in the Amityville, New York case, as well as consultants in the filming of the movie *The Exorcist*. More recently, they were instrumental in resolving the supernatural phenomenon in Warren, Massachusetts.

The program will consist of a lecture, slide film, and questions and answer period.

Tickets will be \$7.50 each and will go on sale in the near future. A seating capacity of 400 will limit ticket sales.

Anyone wanting tickets or more information, are welcome to call 786-1452.

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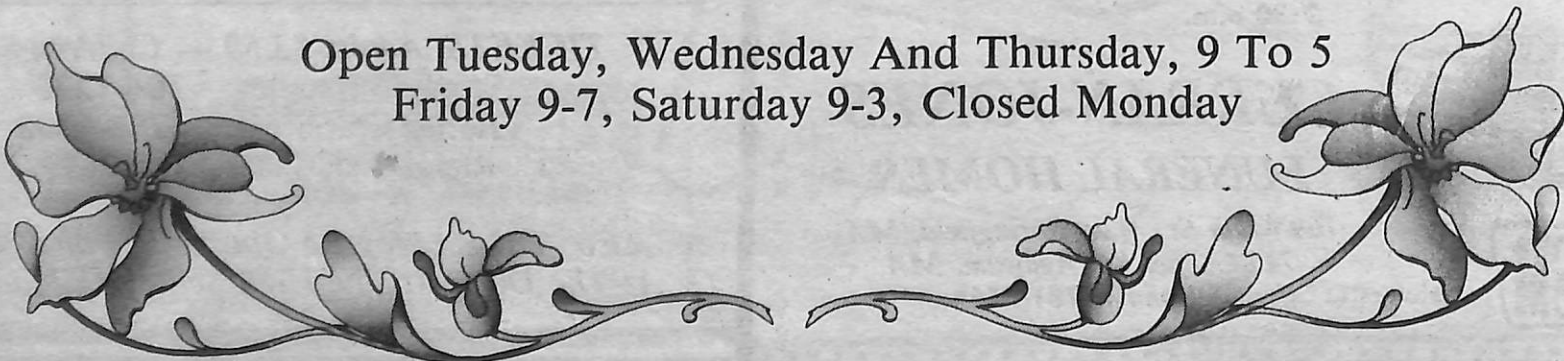


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Jessie Tompkins Meadobrook's Oldest Resident At 92

by Laura B. Dugan

We talked the other day with Mrs. Jessie Tompkins — 92 years young — and an Agawam resident since 1922. She has occupied a handicap apartment at Meadowbrook Manor since the Manor was opened about 8 years ago, and is Meadowbrook's oldest resident.

Arthritis has taken its toll of Jessie's physical activities. She manages with a walker inside, but needs a wheelchair to go out. She is remarkably keen and alert and is an entertaining conversationalist. She plays cards regularly on Friday afternoons at the Agawam Senior Center, and entertains card-playing friends one evening a week in her apartment.

Jessie learned to play cards when she was four, and "cut her teeth on Dominoes," which was also a favorite family game, she told us. In fact, Jessie and her husband, as active Grange members many years ago, were instrumental in organizing the weekly whist parties that the local Grange still conducts. They also were active in the former West Agawam Community League.

When it disbanded years ago, the assets were converted to cash and donated to the Agawam High School Band. Jessie is an avid reader and especially enjoys *National Geographic* and *Yankee* magazines, as well as a variety of books.

Jessie was the sixth of 10 children. Her parents came from Canada to settle in Ware in 1890 as a young farm couple with three children and "another on the way." They lived in Ware eight years where her father's job included driving a hearse. "He was great with horses," Jessie said, "but he did hate driving that hearse."

Jessie's paternal great-grandmother was a beautiful American Indian girl and, according to Jessie, "I was the Indian in the family. All my brothers and sisters were light complexioned." Jessie's mother was English and her father a French Huguenot.

In 1898, her parents purchased a farm in Barre. When Jessie was 14, she had to leave school to help at home. However, when she was 18 her father arranged for her to enroll in the Springfield Civil Service and Commercial School that had opened a branch in Ware. She took a secretarial course, commuting each day by train.

First Job - \$6 Per Week

Jessie's first job was in West Springfield at "Four Brothers Independent Oil Company," on Bridge Street (now Memorial Avenue), owned by the Hisgen Brothers, a family of successful German businessmen.

One of the brothers ran for president of the United States in 1908 as an independent. Thomas Hisgen was the partner in the West Springfield for whom Jessie worked. She recalls that they delivered oil over a large territory



JESSIE TOMPKINS (right) enjoys playing cards on Friday afternoons with her friends at the Agawam Senior Center. From left - Alice Waugh, Rose Demirs, Audrey Phillips, Amelda Pital, Laura Procter, and Mrs. Tompkins. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

by mule teams.

Another incident Jessie recalls is having to send a copy of a feature article from the Springfield Sunday Republican, recounting the successes of many of the German immigrants in the United States. She remembers having to address the envelope to Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany. This was in 1913, before the first World War. "It really made an impression on a green, country girl," she said.

Only 20 years ago, while in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Jessie was riding past a large home and noticed the name "Thomas L. Hisgen." She stopped and learned that it was indeed the home of her former boss's son whose face and hands she had scrubbed many a time so he could go somewhere with his father. Unfortunately, Hisgen was away that day.

Jessie's Rebellion

The job at the oil firm entailed Saturday mornings and eventually Jessie, who liked to go home weekends, rebelled. She told her boss she wanted Saturday mornings off. "I got them off, along with all the other days," she said.

Soon after being fired, Jessie was asked to return to the firm (on her terms). She did return briefly but soon landed a job as head bookkeeper for Consolidated Dry Goods Company with an office on the sixth floor of the former Forbes & Wallace Building. Consolidated, owned by F&W, operated four stores located in North Adams, Northampton, Schenectady, and Poughkeepsie. When the Third National building was built, Jessie's office was the first one to be moved into the new building.

In 1916, Jessie Langevin & William Tompkins Jr., were married. Bill was a fireman on the railroad but he soon tired of travel and started work as a mechanic in the "roundhouse" at the West Springfield Yards.

The couple lived in West Springfield until 1922 when they purchased a home in Agawam. They had one son, Alfred, born in 1918. Many uneventful, happy years followed. Alfred married and provided them with a lovely daughter-in-law (really, more like a daughter). Then, in 1955, Bill died, and, seven years later, Al was fatally stricken with cancer.

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Valley Community Church
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Friday, February 7th
Musical Variety Program
Arts & Humanities Council
Agawam Congregational Church
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 8th
Democratic Caucus
Agawam Public Library
2:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 8th
Valentine's Dance
Junior Women's Club
Polish Club - Feeding Hills
8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 15th
Little League Fundraising Dance
Polish American Club - Feeding Hills
7:30 p.m.



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Ham & Bean Supper At First Baptist Church



DOROTHY JENKS and NANCY EDWARDS slice delicious pieces of pie which was served as dessert at the Annual "Mr. & Mrs. Club" Ham & Bean Supper, held last week at the Agawam First Baptist Church. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.



WHO SAYS WASHING DISHES IS WOMEN'S WORK? First Baptist Church parishioners, from left - Don Nowill, Don Goss, Percy Hastings, and Ralph Webster make sure there is plenty of polish on the church's china and flatware following the Annual Ham & Bean Supper. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

Laughing Brook Announces Winter Sessions

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden announces its winter sessions of "One Step Beyond" on Saturday, January 25th, and February 22nd, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

"One Step Beyond" is designed especially, but not exclusively, for all of our "Little People's Adventurers" alumni of the past two years. The winter season provides an excellent time to take short field trips outdoors with children. The world changes in such a fundamental way - what a great time to explore! Sign-up for one session or both.

Teaching "One Step Beyond" will be Nancy Zurawka, former instructor of Little People's Adventures.

"One Step Beyond" is open to the public. For more information and fees, contact Laughing Brook, 566-8034.

JESSIE TOMPKINS - From Page 12...

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Jessie loves to cook and still gets her own meals. "I learned to cook when I was seven. I had to in such a big family," she said. Jessie has travelled extensively through the United States and eastern Canada.

It's a small world - the Senior Center's Creative Writing instructors, Kara and Pearl Puskey, are Jessie's grandnieces.



JEAN GOSS (left) and PAULINE WOODRUFF take food from the church refrigerator while busily making preparations for the Annual Ham & Bean Supper last week. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

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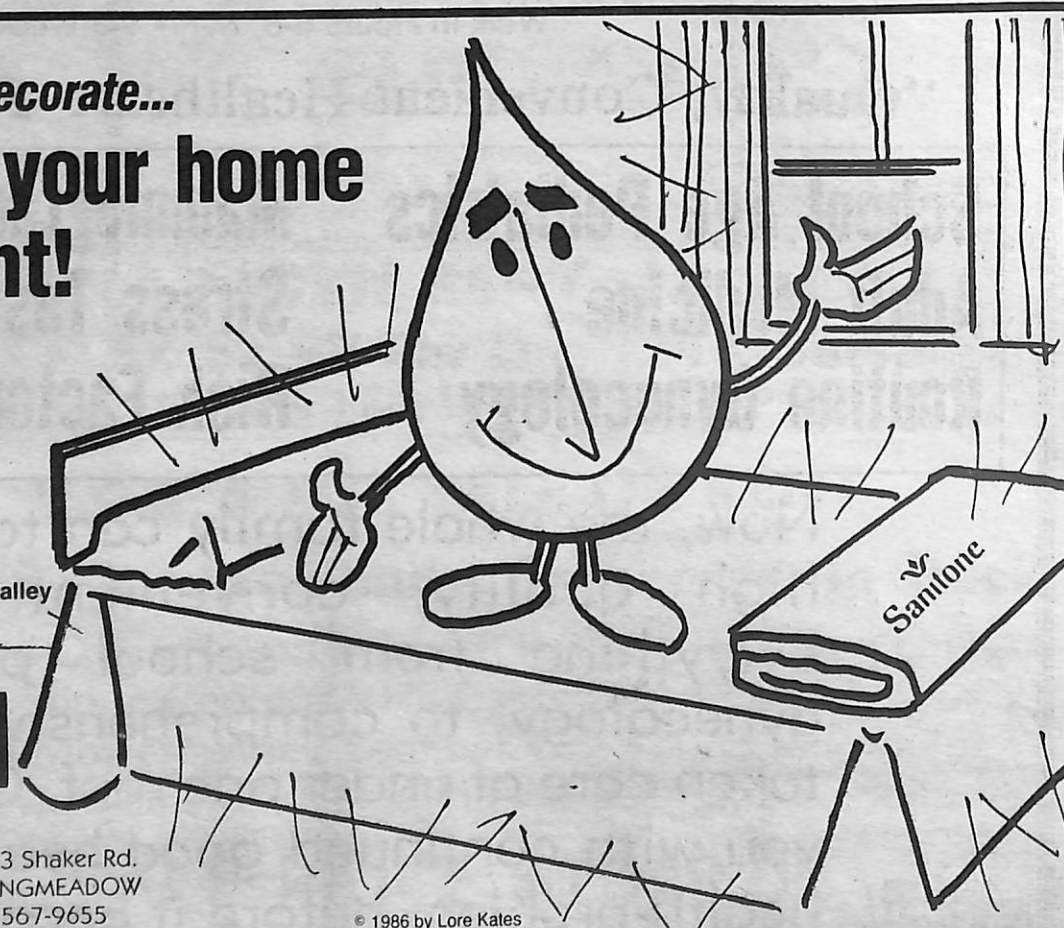
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MINISTER Rev. Donald Morris is pictured serving at the Annual Ham & Bean Supper, from left - Ida Binnenkade, Belle Nygran, and Stan Nygran. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.



KITCHEN HELPERS at the First Baptist Church's Annual Ham & Bean Supper, were, from left - Archie Dallapegorara, Linda Dallapegorara, Kendall Baily, and Shirley Goss. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

Little League Sponsors Fundraising Dance Feb. 15th

The board of directors of the Agawam Little League announce a fundraising dance, Saturday, February 15th, featuring music by Rosewood with oldies and the top 40.

This event will be held at the Polish American Club Pavilion, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight.

The donation is \$6 per person.

Those interested in dancing to or just listening to live music should contact David Cleavall, 786-2713; Ron Chechile, 786-6612; John Pellegrino, 789-0872; or Ray Battista, 789-0056, for tickets.

Lung Association Sponsors Asthma Support Group

The American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts is sponsoring a support group for parents of children with asthma. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 11th, at 7:00 p.m., at Mercy Hospital, in the Memorial House auditorium.

The topic for the program is "Asthma Medications," and the guest speaker is Paul Walker, M.D., an allergist from Springfield.

The meeting is free of charge, but pre-registration is required. To register, please call the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts, 737-3506.

Agawam Women's Club Schedules Meeting

The Agawam Women's Club will meet Monday, January 27th, at 8:00 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Vera Conway will present a program of "Songs Your Mother Never Sang," and Jeanne Webster has arranged for an Art Corner, displaying works done by the students of the Agawam High School.

The hospitality committee for the evening, Marion Brindle, Mary O'Connor, Alice Stepat, and Alice Orr will serve refreshments following the business meeting and the program.



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News, Activities At Agawam Senior Center

Class Schedule for new semester starting week of Monday, January 27th.

On-GOING CLASSES:

Monday: Creative Sewing, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., instructor, Lydia Galletti; Exercise, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., instructor, Viola Smith; Line Dancing, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., instructor, Walter Benoit.

Tuesday: Quilting, to be announced; Ladies' Pool, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Knitting & Crocheting, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., Barbara Gingras; Beginners Painting (Multi Media), 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., instructor, Dorothy Jenks.

Thursday: Knitting & Crocheting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., instructor, Barbara Gingras; Oil Painting (advanced), 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., instructor, Alice Hulse; Exercise, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., instructor Viola Smith; Hobby Club: Crafts, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., instructor, Estelle Clement; Lap Weaving, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., instructor, Ina Peck; Macrame, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., instructor, Ina Peck; Ceramics, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., instructor, Joyce Porth.

Friday: Computers (incomplete).

SPECIAL CLASSES:

Monday: Swim Exercise, 10 weeks at Junior High Pool, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., spring session, \$2 per class.

Tuesday: Drama Club, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Ted Therrien, coordinator.

Thursday: Modern Literature, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., Richard Mundo (six weeks), January 30th.

Friday: Bridge Club, six-week session, \$3 per session, Teri Sedgewick, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. All senior bridge players are welcome.

BUS TRIPS: Activities Director Sandra Smith has put together two very attractive day trips to visit places of interest in Springfield. On **March 11th**, (postponed from February 4th), the bus will go first to the Basketball Hall of Fame, then to lunch at Twelve Pyncheon Place, and then on to the Museum of Science, including the Planetarium Show on Halley's Comet.

Pickup at Country View is at 8:45 a.m. and the Center at 9:00 a.m. Return is at approximately 4:30 p.m. (All this for \$14.50 with a

deposit of \$11.50 due with reservation.

April 2nd the trip will start with a full luncheon at Old Storowton Tavern with choice of broiled scrod or Yankee pot roast. Then on to Stage West for the play "U.S.A." Cost of this trip is \$22 and payment is required with reservation. Bus pickup at C.V., 10:30 a.m. and at the center, 11:00 a.m. Reservations for both trips may be made at the ticket booth, open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

12:30 and 7:00 Programs, March 6th: Mark your calendar for an important program on March 6th at the center. Special representatives of Paine Webber will present a seminar on retirement and pre-retirement planning. The 12:30 Program will be directed to persons already retired. The evening program at 7:00 p.m. will be for pre-retirement persons.

Senator Melconian Guest Of Springfield Professionals

State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) will be special guest speaker at the January dinner meeting of the Springfield Business and Professional Women's Club. The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 28th, at Sheraton Inn, West Springfield. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Senator Melconian serves as chairwoman of the state's Insurance Committee and vice chairwoman of the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

Her presentation will cover a variety of topics of special interest to women, including the effect of unisex insurance rates on the consumer.

Reservations for dinner are required. Call Liz Sokol at 781-2250 during business hours. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The program is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

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AMELIA RIVERS cuts her birthday cake with great-grandchildren **Stefan & Erik Machowski**, sons of **Richard & Denise Marchowski** of **Chicopee**. Advertiser

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Amelia Rivers Feted On 95th Birthday

Over 40 family members gathered at a dinner party held in honor of Amelia Rivers in a happy observance of her 95th birthday.

In addition, messages of congratulations and best wishes were received from grandchildren and great-grandchildren living in California, Texas, Utah, Florida, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Massachusetts.

Mrs. Rivers is the proud mother of five sons — Earl and Robert of Agawam, Roland and Lawrence of Springfield, and Charles of Carver, Massachusetts; and four daughters, Althea Cowles and Adrienne Alvigini of Agawam, Buelah Colli of Florence, and Dolores Kehoe of East Hartford.

Mrs. Rivers is a charter member of the Agawam Golden Age Club. She is a parishoner of St. Theresa's Church in Agawam and is president of the St. Ann's Sodality of the church.



MRS. AMELIA RIVERS (front row, center), pictured with family members at her 95th birthday party, Sunday, January 19th. Sons, back, from, from left - **Robert, Earl, Roland, and Lawrence Rivers**. Front row, Daughters - **Adrienne Cowles, Althea Cowles, Mrs. Rivers, Buelah Colli, and Dolores Kehoe**. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

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Ecumenical Service At Sacred Heart Church Observes Martin Luther King's Birthday



MEMBERS OF THE SACRED HEART CHURCH CHOIR perform at the Ecumenical Service, Monday, January 20th, at Sacred Heart Church. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.



SACRED HEART CHURCH PASTOR Reverend Camillo Santini (left) sings a hymn with Reverend Floyd Bryan of the Agawam Congregational Church, Monday, January 20th, in Sacred Heart Church. The Ecumenical Service observed Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.



NANCY HEYWOOD is engaged to James C. Larkin of Boston.

Nancy Heywood Engaged To James Callahan Larkin

Mr. & Mrs. Roger W. Heywood of 25 Fernwood Drive, Agawam, are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Nancy Anne Heywood of Hartford, to James Callahan Larkin of Boston. Mr. & Mrs. James E. Larkin, Brightwood Lane, West Hartford, are parents of the prospective groom.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Agawam High School. She is employed by American International Adjustment Company, Wethersfield, as a field claims adjuster.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Buckley High School, Hartford, and attended Bentley College, Waltham. He is restaurant manager of the Cafe Rouge Restaurant, Park Plaza Hotel, Boston.

A September 6th, 1986 wedding is planned.

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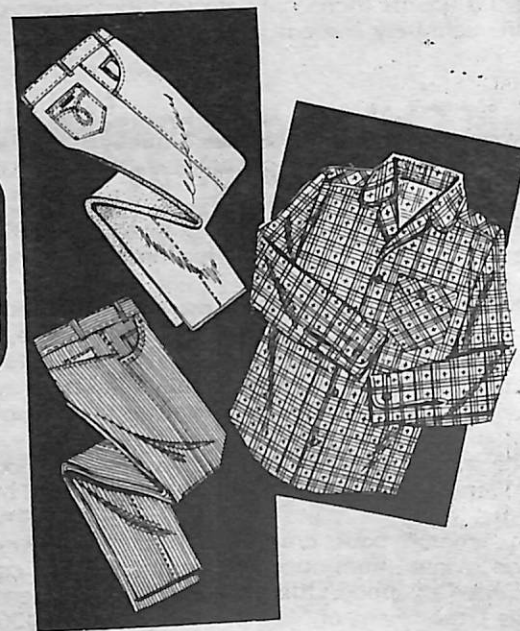
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Schools

"Share A Bear Day" Mid-Winter Break For Robinson Park Kids

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

The January blahs became "bearable" for second grade students of Ann Bellico at Robinson Park School as they participated in "Share A Bear Day" activities, Thursday, January 16th.

Stuffed bears of all shapes, sizes, and colors accompanied the 28 pupils to school where they were guests of honor during a 60-minute afternoon celebration.

An original idea of Mrs. Bellico, who felt her students needed a high interest activity to offset the winter doldrums, "Share A Bear Day" not only uplifted their spirits but also reinforced many curriculum subjects. Among these were creative writing, penmanship, art, and math.

Mrs. Bellico points out that the project evolved quite naturally as bears have become very popular due to the Care Bear craze.

She explains that the project's main focus was creative writing, with each child required to compose an "Unbearably Good Story."

Stories, which could be any length, had to describe the bear's personality and character, as well as place him/her in an adventurous setting.

Since no celebration would be complete without refreshments, the second graders utilized their math skills in measuring ingredients for no-bake chocolate bearclaw cookies.

Served with milk, the paw-print treats were the product of a recipe Mrs. Bellico discovered in a cookbook several years ago.

The second grade teacher relates that good penmanship was practiced as each pupil copied the cookie recipe on cards to take home and share with their families.

Moreover, art was applied as each recipe card was stenciled with bearclaws.

Mrs. Bellico says that as a special highlight of the day, elementary physical education instructor Kirk Parker paid a surprise visit to the classroom dressed as a giant panda bear.

Also on hand to join in the celebration was school Principal Barbara Skolnick, who was accompanied by one of her favorite teddy bears.

A former teacher in the Enfield School System, Mrs. Bellico notes that this is the first year she has initiated the project with any of her classes.

"The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I would definitely repeat the project again," she remarks.

Early Childhood Program Announces Openings

The Early Childhood Program of the Agawam Public Schools has several openings for three, four and five year-old children.

This program will serve both preschool children with special needs and preschool children with no special needs. The staff includes two full-time teachers with support specialists. The program is tailored to individual needs and includes a movement and language program.

The program, which is located in Phelps School, is tuition-free but transportation must be provided by the parents.

The program hours are 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., four days a week. More information can be obtained by calling the Early Childhood Office, 789-1400, extension 406, or the Department of Special Services, 789-1400, extension 442.

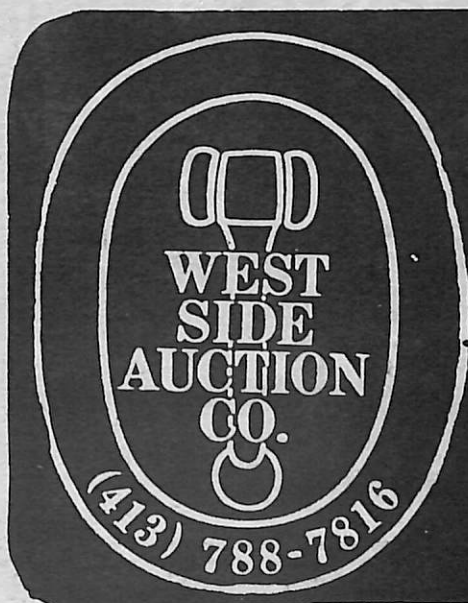


READY TO ENJOY a snack of Bearclaw Cookies and milk, second grade students at Robinson Park School are accompanied by their guests of honor during "Share A Bear Day", Thursday, January 16th. From left - Todd Levesque, Christina Davenport, Michael Perry, and Cindy Turcotte. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.



ROBINSON PARK TEDDY BEAR ENTHUSIASTS: Front row, from left - Seven Virella, Derek Parker, James Pliska, Neil Crowley, Danny Barber, Michael Perry, and Matthew Molleur. Second row - Todd Hathaway, Alica Daigneau, Melissa Montagna, Rachel Neimic, Elaine Almerna, Coleen Rego, Kristin Scarlett, and Cindy Turcotte. Third row - Jonathan David, Todd Levesque, Todd Shirley, Melissa Murphy, and Jeremy Surreira. Back row - Christina Davenport, Jason Reed, Lisa Cassanelli, Nicole Boyer, Susan DeFilipi, Jared Longley, and Jason Ellsworth. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

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Martin Luther King Story Taught At Robinson

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

In observance of the first federal holiday recognizing slain civil rights leader Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., fifth grade students of Linda Ulrich at Robinson Park School participated in a week-long experiment which focused on discrimination.

Initiated by Springfield College graduate student Gerald Samuels as part of his 16-week student teaching assignment, the classroom experiment was a low-keyed, simple approach to discrimination and segregation.

Mrs. Ulrich points out that Samuels' excellent rapport with her students allowed him to develop a plausible storyline which stated that a prominent group of college professors had discovered that blue-eyed people were superior to those having brown eyes.

In conjunction with these findings, blue-eyed students were given special classroom and recess privileges, while brown-eyed students were penalized.

Some of these penalties included standing at the back of the recess, lunch and bus lines.

Persuasive Powers

The next day, Samuels once again utilized his persuasive powers to convince the fifth graders that the original discovery had been reported erroneously and that brown-eyed people were really superior to blue-eyed.

Likewise, brown-eyed students were favored while blue-eyed were penalized.

Both teachers relate that many of the children's reactions were expected, such as anger and cockiness.

However, they were totally unprepared for the academic changes in both better and poorer students.

According to Mrs. Ulrich, many of her better students, who lost their self-confidence while in the discriminatory group, did below average work while normally poor students, who were elevated by their superior status, produced better than average work.

Another unexpected result was declarations by several students that they did not care what the program discovered; the new system was wrong and unfair.

At the week's conclusion, Samuels revealed to the class that they had participated in an experiment and that the color of one's eyes had nothing to do with superiority.

"A few students were clever enough to realize that

we were experimenting with discrimination. However, the majority were unaware of the ultimate purpose of the project," he comments.

Next, as a means of incorporating creative writing, students were asked to write essays describing their feelings during the experiment.

Mrs. Ulrich notes that the written essays also correlated with her students' health curriculum, which discusses emotions and feelings.

Dr. King's Speech

Moreover, as a further follow-up, Samuels read and repeated Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" speech, especially noting the section in which he hopes future generations will be judged by their character rather than the color of their skin.

Mrs. Ulrich states that although she has discussed Dr. King's background with her students in the past, this was her first attempt at introducing them to discrimination, first-hand.

She credits the experiment's success to Samuels, whose handling of the topic was not to excess and always under control.

"Gerry is a natural teacher and no one was uncomfortable with the topic of discrimination. I believe the experiment made a very big impression upon the students and helped them to understand the concept of segregation," she remarks.

Mrs. Ulrich also feels that the experiment helped to instill humanitarian values and empathy in her 23 pupils.

Samuels says that he was glad for the opportunity to conduct the discrimination experiment.

"I wanted to give students the opportunity to actually experience discrimination since this is the first national holiday in Dr. King's honor. Most likely, the day will be downplayed in the future, such as Washington's birthday and Columbus Day," he states.

The future elementary education teacher relates that he was also impressed with the generosity of some students.

"Whether tomorrow or years in the future, these students will remember their experience with discrimination. I'm pleased to know that some of them are not afraid to speak up and say that discrimination is wrong," he declares.

Patrice Heaton Attains Dean's List At Bay Path

Mrs. Patrice M. Heaton of River Street, West Springfield, attained dean's list standing for academic excellence last semester at Bay Path Junior College.

To receive this honor, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.25 or above with no grade lower than C.

The wife of Randy B. Heaton, and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Symanski of Raymond Circle, Agawam, she is a Continuing Education student at the college and is enrolled in the legal assistant program, leading to the associate in science degree.

Frank Fazio Named To Dean's List At Roger Williams

Frank M. Fazio of 250 South Street, Agawam, has been named to the Dean's List at Roger Williams College, Bristol, Rhode Island, for the 1985 fall semester.

Maryann Limotti Attains Dean's List Standing

Maryann M. Limotti, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Armand Limotti of Edgewater Road, Agawam, attained Dean's List standing for academic excellence last semester at Bay Path Junior College.

To receive this honor, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.25 or above, with no grade lower than C.

A member of the Class of 1986, Miss Limotti is enrolled in the business administration-management program, leading to the associate in science degree.

"What is easy is seldom excellent." Dr. Johnson

Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, January 27th: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, mustard, relish, catsup, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, chilled apricots in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, January 28th: Beef in gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered diced carrots, wheat bread and butter, white cake with cherry topping, milk.

Wednesday, January 29th: Hamburg in roll, cheese fingers, mustard, relish, catsup, steamed rice, buttered broccoli cuts, fruit cup or pudding, milk.

Thursday, January 30th: Oven roasted turkey with gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered peas, dinner roll, cranberry sauce, chocolate cake with vanilla icing, milk.

Friday, January 31st: Chicken and vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich with pickle chips, oven french fries with catsup, peanut butter cookies, milk.

Stephen K. Thorsen Accepted By Berklee College of Music

Berklee College of Music has accepted Steven K. Thorsen, son of Mrs. Rose Thorsen of Agawam, in its freshman class this spring.

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Handicap Awareness Promotion Underway



KICKING-OFF THE OFFICIAL FUNDRAISING START of the Handicap Awareness Program Promoting Education (H.A.P.P.E.) at Granger Elementary School are, from left - Sue Pettazoni, president, Granger School PTO and 2 year-old daughter Stephanie; James Loomis, Granger School principal; James V. Bruno, superintendent of schools; Nancy Melbourne, H.A.P.P.E. chairwoman, and 18-month son, Brian. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.



AL TAUPIER, president of the Agawam Lions Club, presents a check to Nancy Melbourne, H.A.P.P.E. chairwoman, as Granger School Principal James Loomis looks on. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

When townsfolk look for all the Hometown school news - AAN!

AHS Honor Society In Community Project At Shriner's Hospital

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Complying with recently adopted national guidelines, members of the Eleanor H. Smith chapter of the National Honor Society at Agawam High School are working with patients at Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children as a community service project.

AHS guidance director and society advisor Paul Cavallo points out that several national guidelines were adopted last spring as a means of transforming the group into a more selective society.

For their required community service project, the 36-member organization chose to work with other youngsters with whom they could easily identify.

Visits Hospital Monthly

NHS President Mike Jemiolo explains that the group visits Shriner's Hospital monthly and plans fun-filled activities to share with patients.

Some of these include dressing in costumes and painting pumpkins for Halloween, making Valentine Day cards, planning an Easter egg hunt, and joining in a pizza party.

Shriner's project committee chairwoman Beth Beaulieu relates that approximately 45 patients, age 6-18, participate in the activities held in the hospital's schoolroom.

Moreover, she notes that many patients are from foreign countries such as Greece, Cyprus, and Ecuador.

Beth states that she was surprised how well NHS members interacted with the patients during their first visit in October.

"We really didn't know what to expect during our first visit. However, the majority of members were very relaxed and thoroughly enjoyed being with the children. Some, who are Spanish language students, even sang Spanish songs with several patients of that nationality," she relates.

Mike says all materials used during their visits are provided by NHS sponsored fundraisers, such as dances and candy and sweatshirt sales.

Mike believes that adhering to national guidelines has been beneficial for the society.

Successful Fundraisers

"Due to having a smaller group of people with whom to work, our fundraising projects have been more successful. We feel changing the rules has been definitely worthwhile," he states.

Mike relates that even though next year's society will have the option to choose another community service project, chances of continuing their work with Shriner's Hospital are good.

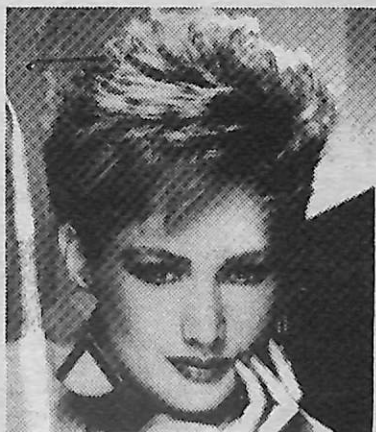
"Working with these burned and crippled children makes you more aware of how fortunate you are. Some of the outpatients are even members of our own student body," he comments.

Denise Bourbonnais Makes Westfield State Dean's List

Denise Bourbonnais, daughter of Michael and Elaine Bourbonnais of 78 Tina Lane, Feeding Hills, has once again made the Dean's List at Westfield State College where she is a sophomore.

An average of 3.3 is needed to make the Dean's List. Miss Bourbonnais had a perfect 4.0. She is majoring in media communications systems and management, and is also vice president of the Commuter Council and chairwoman of the publicity committee.

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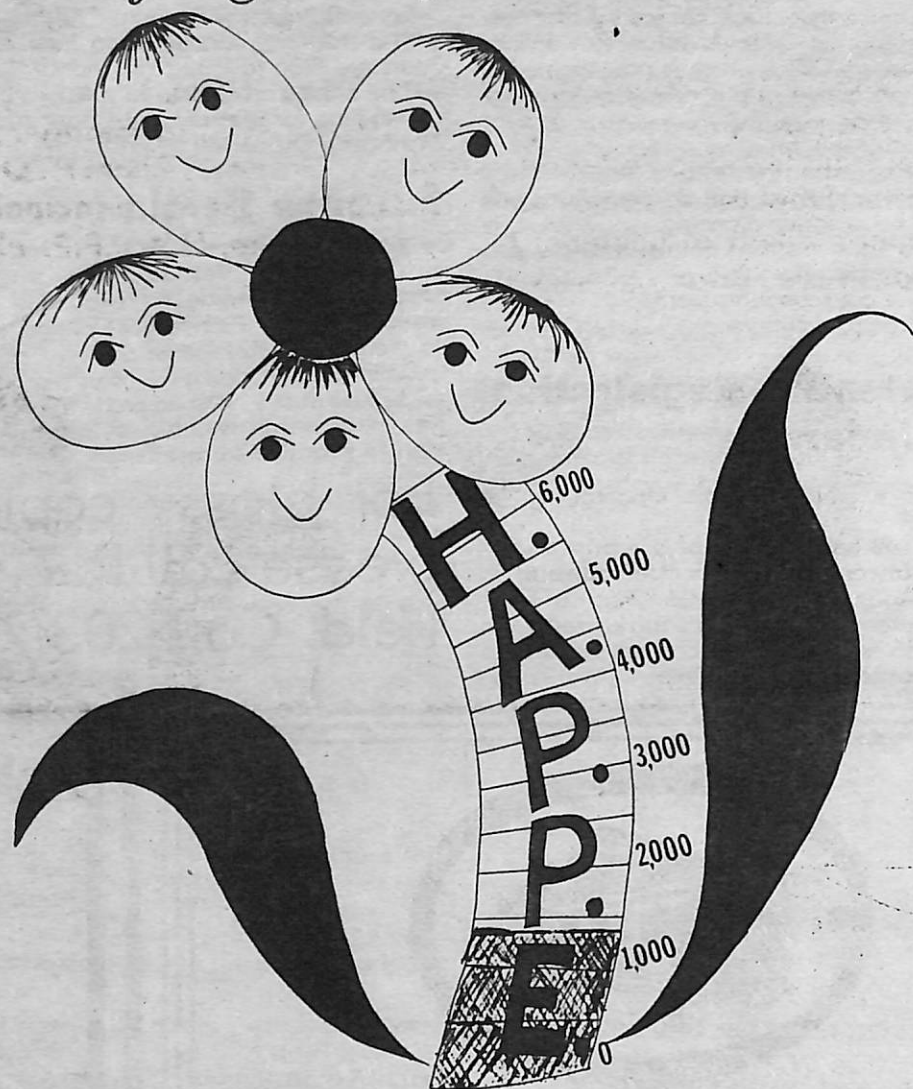
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Summer Camp Seeks Enterprising Applicants

The Agawam Park and Rec Summer Day Camp and Pre-School Camp at Shea's Field are again seeking enterprising applicants.

Applications are available at the Town Manager's Office, located in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street.

Individuals who have previously been employed in the department's summer camp program will have preference, but Director Jack Kunasek reminds everyone that all must file an application to be considered.

Applicants must be residents of Agawam who are high school graduates or graduating this June. Applicants also must be furthering their education, preferably in the social services field. A water lifesaving certificate is an advantage, but not necessary.

The camp program will run from Monday, June 30th to Friday, August 15th, for a total of seven weeks. Daily hours for the camp will be 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Camp will be closed Friday, July 4th.

Applications may be picked up Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the Town Manager's Office (Personnel Department). Completed applications must be returned to the Town Manager's Office by Friday, May 2nd. All applicants will be contacted for interviews by the Recreation Director. Interviews will be held in the Recreation Office which is now located at the Agawam High School, right driveway, rear entrance.

Positions available will be:

1 camp director who must have an extensive background in physical education or recreation, with strong emphasis on program planning.

14 leaders with various strong points in tennis, arts and crafts, team sports, etc.

2 leaders for the pre-school program.

1 position for camp maintenance.

Kindergarten Pre-Registration Getting Underway

Is your child eligible to start kindergarten in September 1986?

Children who will be five years of age prior to October 1st, 1986, are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten in Agawam for the 1986-87 school year.

Parents of children who will be entering kindergarten in September 1986 are requested to contact the nearest elementary school as soon as possible.

Camp Rainbow Seeks Job Applicants

Applications are now available at the Town Manager's Office in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, for various counselor positions at Camp Rainbow. Located at Robinson Park School, Camp Rainbow is a day camp for special needs children of Agawam.

Persons who have been previously employed at Camp Rainbow will have preference, but are reminded that they must complete an application to be considered.

Positions to be filled include: camp director, speech therapist, and nurse or health aide. Head counselors are needed in the fields of physical education, music, arts and crafts, and water safety.

To qualify for the positions, one must have extensive background experience in special education. Five enterprising group leaders are also being sought.

To apply for a position of group leader, one must be graduating from high school this June and furthering his/her education in the social services field. This coming summer there will be six positions open for junior counselors (aides). These six people will work on a one-to-one basis with the campers in most need of help. To qualify for an aide position, one must have volunteered at Camp Rainbow for one summer session.

Camp Rainbow will run from July 1st to August 14th, with a staff day conducted on June 30th. Daily camp hours are 8:30 to 2:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Camp will be closed on Friday, July 4th, 1986.

Deadline for returning job applications to the Town Manager's Office will be Friday, May 2nd.

Suzanne Bergin Named To Bay Path Dean's List

Suzanne M. Bergin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert S. Bergin of North West Street, Feeding Hills, attained Dean's List standing for academic excellence last semester at Bay Path Junior College, and was elected to the Maroon Key Honor Society.

Dean's List standing indicates a grade point average of 3.25 or above, with no grade lower than C. Maroon Key membership is achieved by attaining dean's list standing for two semesters.

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Laughing Brook Presents Astronomy Program For Kids

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, presents **Astronomy for Kids**, Friday, January 31st (Cloud date - Saturday, February 1st), at 6:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required by January 28th.

Astronomy for Kids will teach children star gazing, stories, and legends while they explore the night sky of winter. Bring binoculars if you have them and dress warmly.

Scott Jackson, Laughing Brook's assistant program coordinator, will be instructing Astronomy for Kids.

Astronomy for Kids is open to the public. For more information and fees, contact Laughing Brook 413-566-8034.

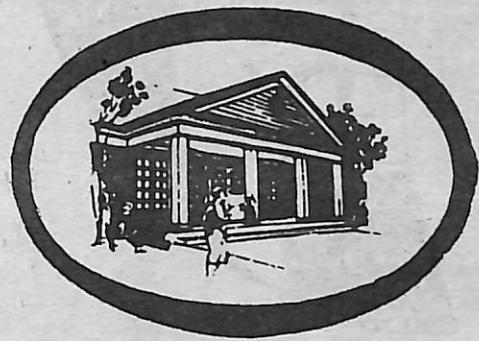
Robinson Park PTO Schedules Jan. 30th Meeting

Robinson Park School PTO will hold its next meeting Thursday, January 30th, in the school cafeteria.

The evening will begin at 7:30 p.m., with a short business meeting. At 8:00 p.m., members of the HAPPE Committee will present an informational talk on the "Kids on the Block" project. Puppeteers from Granger PTO will perform two skits using life-size puppets, able and disabled.

Parents, teachers, and the general public are urged to attend. We need your support to implement this worthwhile program in our elementary and middle schools.

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FOR YOUR HEALTH...

Some Tips On Drugs - by Dr. Franklin Carrington, Ag. Medical Ctr. Generic Controversy

Many of you are undoubtedly very confused over the issue of "generic" drugs. There are many pressures coming on you at this time from activist groups, marketing groups, "consumer protectionist" groups, as well as others to consider the use of generic drugs.

Definition: Generic means "non-brand." This simply means that there is not a specific company which has a "copyright" on that product that is made by these other companies.

To confuse the issue, however, some "generic" drugs are made by very well-known and famous pharmaceutical manufacturers. The difference is that it was not their original product.

The issue for the consumer on generic drugs seems to be purely cost. In general, generic drugs are cheaper. Why?

Cost Of Developing A New Drug

The cost of developing a new drug, as well as getting it approved by our massive bureaucratic system of drug approval in this country, in addition to the advertising and introduction of the agent to the medical community and its attendant costs, as well as continuing surveillance during the early years of medication introduction into general use for any ongoing or newly developing pieces of information concerning the drug, are astronomical.

There are many, many more cost factors involved in the creation and marketing of a new agent, but the original company only has a period of years wherein they have exclusive rights to attempt to recoup those costs.

During those years, there are no generics available. Even after that time period has expired and generics become available for a particular agent, the original manufacturer is still the company that does the primary detail work to the medical community and pharmaceutical community.

Generic manufacturers, on the other hand, do not have the research and development costs of the major initial producer as well as all of the approval costs to deal with the Federal Drug Administration, and, additionally, the continued detail work concerning the agent.

The analogy would be similar to the original "widget" developer who had all the trial, error, and refinement costs producing his initial product, as well as getting it copyrighted and bringing it to the marketplace, spending a large sum of money introducing it to the population (while a follow-up company

could come along and make the widget without any of the other attendant costs).

Does that mean that brand names are better than generic names because they cost more?

The answer to that question is not simple. As a physician, the issue is not terribly difficult to decide. There are no good objective measurements of drug effectiveness as far as body absorption, distribution, excretion, etc. are concerned.

There have been several studies which have shown that in some agents such as Lanoxin vs. the generic preparation Digoxin, there has been heavy literature concerning variation from batch-to-batch and manufacturer-to-manufacturer concerning drug absorption.

The brand preparation was quite consistent while the generics differed from one to the other, as well as internally within each manufacturer as far as absorption and blood levels were concerned. All a physician has to do is have the question raised as to whether there is variation in drug consistency and generally that is enough to make him decide that he doesn't need that issue as another factor in the care of his patient.

In general, we have enough problems in deciding diagnosis, management choices, and judging response to treatment that we don't need another variable such as medication thrown in.

When asked by patients about generics in general, I will give them that answer.

Some Good Generics

That is not to say that there are not some good generics; the problem is we don't know which ones are which as physicians, and you don't know which ones are which as consumers.

It seems that we all know what brand of electronic equipment we buy for our homes or vehicles. In general, we bought those not necessarily because they were the cheapest; we chose them because of reputation and reliability, as well as possible previous experience with the brand, or the reading of good objective reports on how those brands stack up against each other.

We may, at times, pay a premium for things to look at or listen to. It seems strange that we don't give some similar consideration to things that we eat or products that we consume to treat disease.

So, the next time that the controversy of generic drugs comes up in your social circle, give some thought to the same principles that you use in buying other products before you consider the issue straightforward, or open and shut.

Learning Problems & Vision Are Related

by Dr. Richard Gallerani
Feeding Hills Optometrist

Children with learning difficulties may have undetected vision problems. Even though the child's visual acuity may test at 20/20, this merely shows that objects 20 feet away are seen clearly.

Learning, however, requires reading at near distances, usually between 12 and 16 inches. To see well at the reading distance, a complex combination of adjustments of the eye muscles must be made and sustained. While some children can do this with ease, others cannot.

Reading and learning are first and foremost educational problems, but when a child has difficulties achieving in school, a thorough functional vision evaluation should be sought.

It may be that the child is simply farsighted and having difficulty adjusting for near seeing even though distance vision may be clear.

In other cases, the eyes are not able to move easily across the page, or cannot be made to look exactly at the same point on the page, resulting in blur or movement of the words or even double vision. Children usually do not realize that their vision is a problem, as they think that everyone sees as they do.

A functional vision examination performed by your optometrist will check for the health of the eyes, for sharpness of sight at both far and near distances, for smoothness in tracking or moving, and for coordination and focusing ability.

Inadequacies in these vision skills frequently contribute to reading difficulty. Your optometrist may recommend special glasses to be worn for reading and other near tasks, or a program of specialized eye exercises to teach your child the necessary visual skills, or a combination of the two.

The Massachusetts Society of Optometrists maintains a list of doctors who specialize in providing this type of functional vision care. They can be reached at 542-9200.

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The Agawam Counseling Center, a non-profit clinic, has been serving this area for over 14 years. There is a sliding fee scale and health insurance is accepted for most services.

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Arts

Painting Churches Well-Done Production Now At StageWest

by Phil Benoit
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

Tina Howe's *Painting Churches*, which runs at StageWest's S. Prestley Blake Theatre until February 2nd, is the kind of play that will live long in the minds of theatergoers. Throughout its two acts, the show is able to make us laugh, cry, and, most importantly, think about how its themes relate to our own lives.

Painting Churches takes place several years ago and deals with a Beacon Hill couple, Fanny and Gardner Church (Anne Pitoniak, John Straub), and their daughter, Margaret (Ellen Lauren) - or "Mags" for short.

Fanny and Gardner are getting on in years, and they are about to move from their townhouse in Boston to a cottage in Cape Cod. Mags, a young artist who lives in New York City, has returned to Beacon Hill in order to help her parents move to their new home.

However, in addition to assisting her mother and father, she has returned to the place of her childhood for another reason. Before Fanny and Gardner are to leave Beacon Hill forever, Mags longs to do something that she has desired to do for a long time: she wants to paint a portrait of her parents.

At first reluctant to give in to their daughter's wish, Fanny and Gardner are soon willing to be Mags' latest models. But, within a short time after that, the young painter becomes painfully aware that her mother is terribly frightened of getting old and that her father is becoming senile.

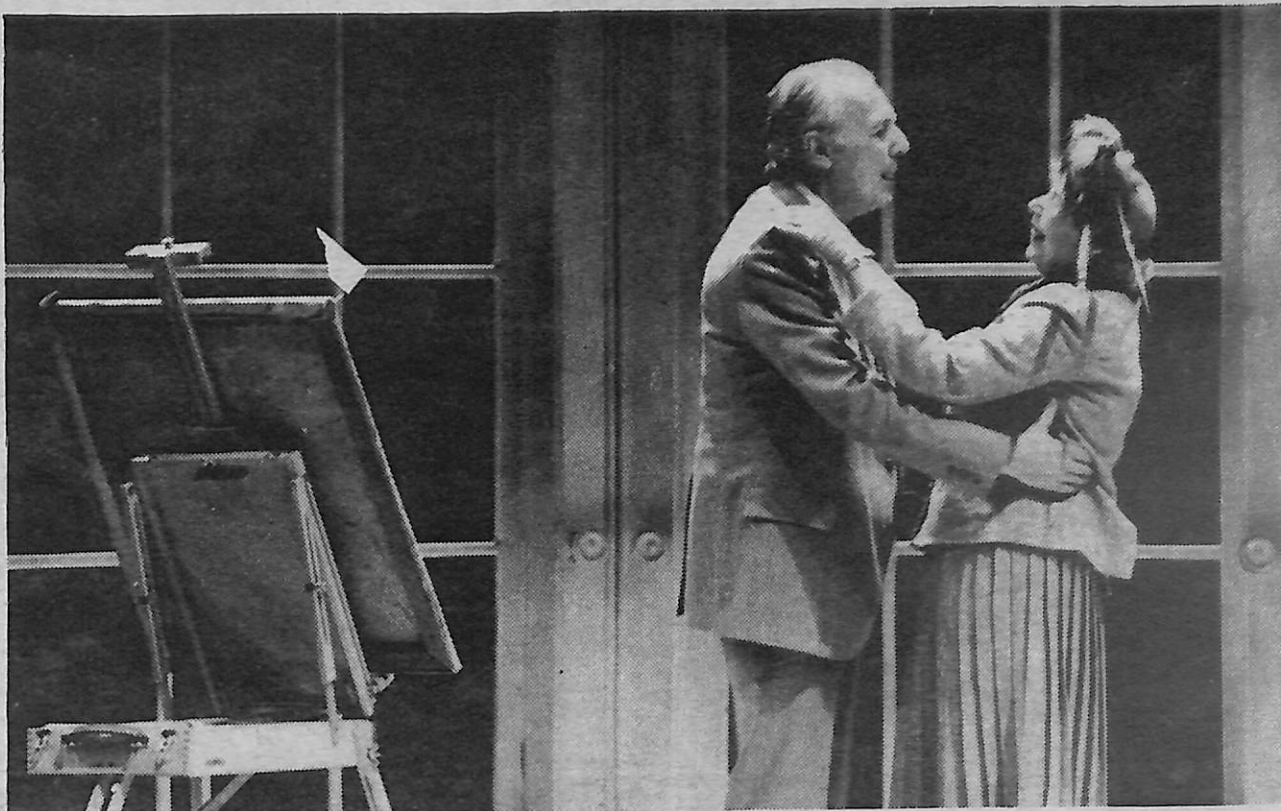
Painting Churches starts out as an extremely amusing play. Miss Howe's script has a great deal of fun with the personalities of Fanny and Gardner. A renowned poet who won awards for his writing, Gardner can recite lines of poetry without forgetting a word.

However, he is continually absentminded when it comes to doing everyday things such as taking off his coat when he enters his home and then, without realizing it, putting it back on.

Fanny, a candid individual who possesses a brusque sense of humor, is quick to pick on Gardner for continually losing his train of thought, and Mags, like us, initially laughs at the way her parents behave and speak to each other.

Yet, as the plot of *Painting Churches* progresses, it becomes clear to both Mags and us that there is more to this bantering than meets the eye. A seriousness is infused into the play as its writer lets us know that senility has indeed affected Gardner's onetime sharp mind, and that Fanny's berating is a form of therapy which helps her to cope with the reality of her husband's decaying mental state.

Painting Churches is not a complex story that contains earthshattering and volatile conflicts and confrontations. Instead, it is a simple, straightforward tale which handles true-to-life characters and situations in



JOHN STRAUB (left) and Westfield native Anne Pitoniak in a tender moment from StageWest's production of *Painting Churches*. The Tina Howe play runs until February 2nd.

a low-key manner, and its script successfully blends many comical moments with ones which are both sad and tragic.

Fortunately, this StageWest production of Miss Howe's play is equally successful in balancing these diverse emotional qualities. Director Eric Hill stresses the plot's lighter moments to the point where the play almost has the appearance of an out-and-out comedy.

However, Hill also makes the most out of the story's dramatic developments, and this counterpoints the hilarity that exists throughout the early portion of *Painting Churches*.

Consequently, Miss Howe's work comes off as a moving piece of theatre that enables us to react to what we see on stage with different emotional responses.

Yet, let me make it clear that *Painting Churches* never grows depressing or leaves you on a down note. True, there are times when we feel bad for the characters, but the play manages to make us exit the theater with the belief that there are still happy times to be had in the futures of these characters.

While this production gains much of its strength from the exceptional script and Hill's skillful directing, the best thing about this particular staging of *Painting Churches* is its outstanding acting.

The play derives a sense of intimacy by having only three characters, and the three performers in their respective roles enhance this intimate quality through

their credible depiction of a troubled yet caring family.

Miss Lauren's Stirring Portrayal

As Mags, Miss Lauren blended a sense of maturity with childlike insecurity. This character is an embittered young woman who blames her lack of self-confidence on her strict and sometimes heartless upbringing.

But, thanks to Miss Lauren's stirring portrayal, we are able to believe in Mags' ability to forgive and better understand her parents' thinking and behavior.

Though the character of Gardner Church is somewhat superficial, Straub compensates for this flaw by bringing a great deal of charm to his role. He plays Gardner as an extremely lovable individual who evokes both our laughter and pity without ever becoming a clownish caricature or a pathetic soul.

The most memorable performance, however, is given by Miss Pitoniak. A native of Westfield, this actress is superb in rendering both the comical and somber aspects of the personality of Fanny Church.

When the play requires her to be in a serious mood (as when she confesses her fear of getting old and when she explains that her constant berating of Gardner is not done with malice), Miss Pitoniak commands our complete attention with a stage presence that is thoroughly riveting.

And, when the humorous side of Fanny's nature manifests itself, the actress exhibits a sharp-witted vigor that provides *Painting Churches* with much of its warmhearted hilarity.

Arts & Humanities Presents Musical Variety Program

The Agawam Arts and Humanities will present a musical variety program at the Agawam Congregational Church, Main Street, Agawam, on February 7th, at 7:30 p.m. Guest artists will be Carol Hutter on the viola and violin, and Melissa Isaccson, concert pianist.

Both artists are on the staff of the University of Massachusetts. They are also with the Community Music School of Springfield. There is no admission charge as this program is funded by an Arts Lottery Grant.

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PHILM REVIEW

by Phil Benoit
Entertainment Editor

Some Good Movies Out There

- *A Chorus Line: The Movie*: 3 STARS

Based on Broadway's longest-running musical, this film tells the story of a group of male and female chorus dancers who are auditioning for a show, and focuses on the uneasy relationship between one of the auditioners (Alyson Reed) and the show's choreographer (Michael Douglas).

Although it has some dull moments, *A Chorus Line: The Movie* is, on the whole, a delightful and entertaining film with skillful acting, singing, and dancing. Director Richard Attenborough (*Gandhi*) captures the spirit of the original stage version, and he does an impressive job of depicting both the hardship and the joy of trying to earn a living as a professional dancer.

- *The Color Purple*: 3 STARS

Adapted from Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of the same title, *The Color Purple* is set in rural Georgia between the years 1909 and 1947 and deals with the character of Celie (Whoopi Goldberg), a downtrodden black woman whose unconquerable love for life enables her to endure much heartache and ill-treatment at the hands of her cruel husband (Danny Glover).

Directed by Steven Spielberg (*Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*), this drama suffers from having too many superficial characters and a plot that rambles from one conflict to the next. But, more importantly, the film has many emotionally-charged scenes that are both memorable and moving, and Spielberg proves he can handle adult, serious-minded pictures with the same efficiency that he brings to action-oriented adventures.

Furthermore, *The Color Purple* benefits from first-

rate performances by some of today's finest black actors, including Goldberg, Glover (*Silverado*), Oprah Winfrey in the role of Celie's fiercely strong-willed daughter-in-law, and — best of all — Margaret Avery as Shug Avery, a singer who becomes Celie's best friend.

- *Enemy Mine*: 2½ STARS

Set in the 21st century, this science-fiction drama focuses on two warring opponents — one human (Denis Quaid) and the other reptilian (Louis Gossett, Jr.) — who crash-land on a desolate planet and overcome their hatred for each other in order to work towards mutual survival.

Despite the fact that the latter part of its plot becomes farfetched and melodramatic, *Enemy Mine* is an enjoyable film with intriguing special effects. But, what's really worthy of note is that this movie has a poignancy which is rare to pictures that are rooted in science fiction.

The performances, meanwhile, also deserve credit. Quaid's (*The Right Stuff*) character is rather superficial, but he manages to bring a wisecracking yet good-natured charm to his role. And, though his face and head are covered by elaborate makeup, Gossett (*Iron Eagle*) conveys the personality of a fascinating alien being through proficient physical gestures and vocal inflections.

- *A Nightmare on Elm Street, Part 2: Freddy's Revenge*: 1½ STARS

The plot of this horror film centers on a teenager (Mark Patton) who becomes possessed by the spirit of Freddy Krueger (Robert Englund), the phantomlike murderer who invaded the dreams of several adolescents in the original *Nightmare on Elm Street*.

The good acting in this sequel is far superior to the rock-bottom performances which contributed to the overall low quality of its predecessor. Unfortunately, *A Nightmare on Elm Street, Part 2* is neither suspenseful nor scary enough to be a recommendable thriller.

- *Out of Africa*: 2½ STARS

Set in Kenya between 1913 and 1931, this picture tells of the real-life romance between a married Danish woman named Karen Blixen (Meryl Streep) and Denys Finch Hatton (Robert Redford), an English bachelor and big-game hunter.

Streep (*Plenty*) turns in a top-notch portrayal of Karen Blixen (who later wrote books under the pseudonym Isak Dinesen), and a fine supporting performance is delivered by Austrian actor Klaus Maria Brandauer (*Never Say Never Again*) in the role of Karen's philandering husband, Bror Blixen. But, Redford's (*The Natural*) acting is bland, uninteresting, and suffers from the lack of an English accent which his character should have had.

There are, however, a couple of other problems with the movie that are more serious than Redford's lusterless performance. First, *Out of Africa* is a slow-moving film that seems to last much longer than its 2-hour-and-35-minute length.

Second, director Sydney Pollack (*Tootsie*) allowed the cameras to spend too much time photographing the landscapes and wildlife of Kenya, and this lavish nature footage left me with the feeling that Pollack was unsure as to whether he wanted to make a love story for the silver screen or a *National Geographic* special for television.

- *White Nights*: 1½ STARS

A laughable and utterly preposterous espionage drama about two dancers (Mikhail Baryshnikov, Gregory Hines) who attempt to flee the Soviet Union and find asylum in the United States.

While they aren't given enough of an opportunity to display their exceptional dancing abilities, Baryshnikov (*The Turning Point*) and Hines (*The Cotton Club*) — as well as rest of the cast — manage to give dignified performances and keep straight faces in spite of the terrible dialogue they have to wade through.

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

- *A Chorus Line: The Movie*: Rated PG-13 for adult language.

- *The Color Purple*: Rated PG-13 for adult themes and situations.

- *Enemy Mine*: Rated PG-13 for the intensity of some of its violent scenes.

- *A Nightmare on Elm Street, Part 2*: Rated R primarily for gruesome special effects.

- *Out of Africa*: Rated PG for some mature language and some violent wildlife scenes.

- *White Nights*: Rated PG-13 for some adult situations.

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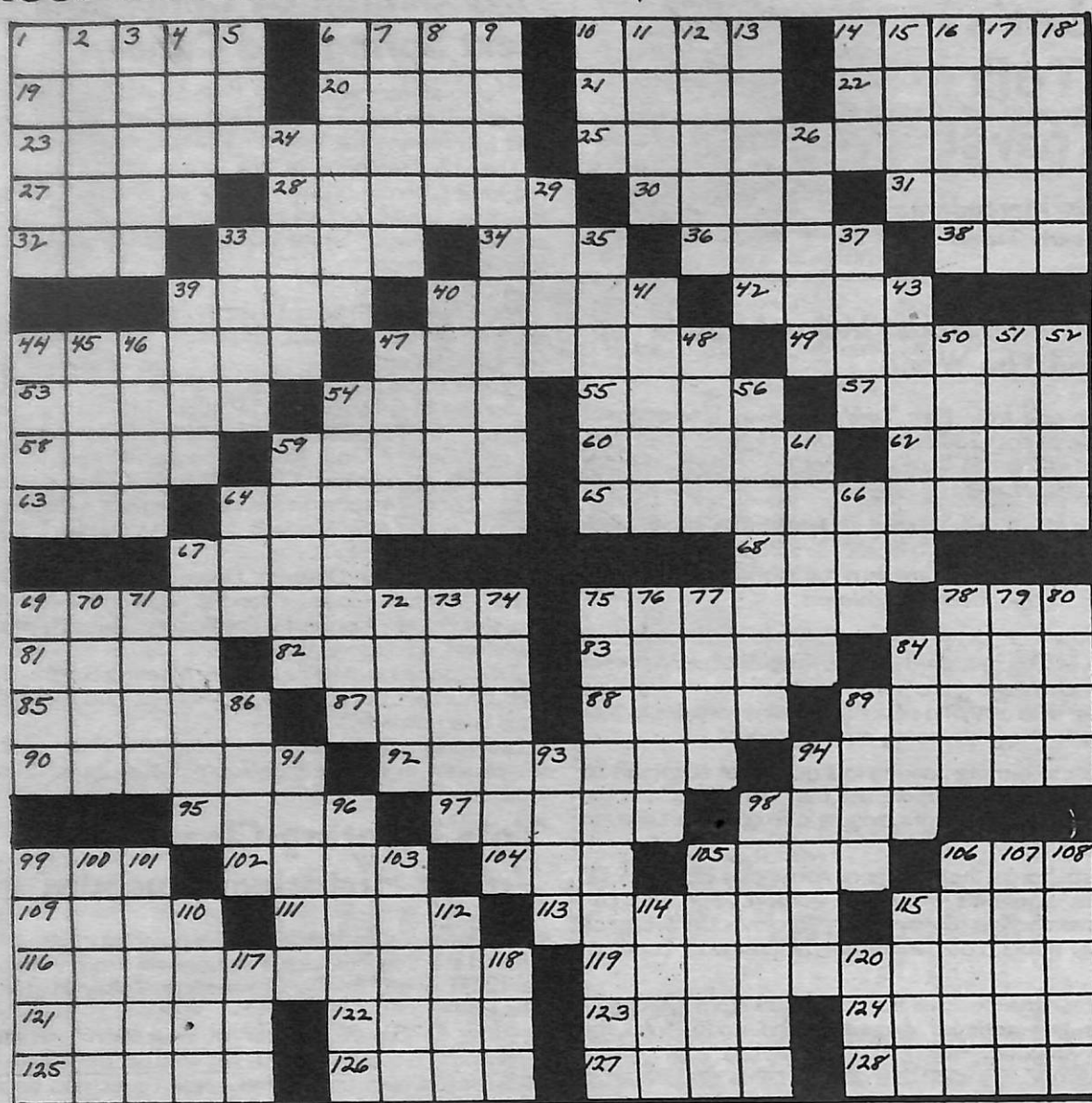
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Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni



CLUE: A good-sized puzzle that should be fun for those who enjoy this stuff.

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1. Burr from Newark
6. Harem rooms
10. Impetuous
14. Malevolence
19. Struck in a biblical way
20. Mr. Lugosi
21. Italian family name of Ferrara
22. Memos
23. Suburb sight
25. St. Crispin followers
27. Building additions
28. Bouquets
30. Within - prefix
31. Gaelic
32. Your - French
33. King of Judah
34. Me to Pierre
36. Conjures
38. Sun Yat -
39. Navy woman
40. A La follower
42. Fruit or appointment
44. Chosen path
47. Former Dom. Rep. pres.
49. Sprightly musical compositions
53. Assists
54. Magellan familiarly
55. Name in denim
57. Step on -
58. Firearms
59. Mountain crest
60. Golf clubs
62. Noble: Ger.
63. French summer
64. Hearty sleeper
65. Winners
67. Day in Latin
68. Samovars
69. Trout
75. Volt or Watt
78. Childs game
81. Sound of pleasure
82. American Diplomat
83. Low sounding
84. Teasdale
85. Nuptial lane
87. Famous lion
88. Leave out
89. Fools day month
90. Discolors
92. Sentinels in England
94. Disturbance

95. Carol
97. Certain years
98. Morose
99. Matrix
102. River hazard
104. Electric unit
105. Rockfish
106. Craze
109. Ireland
111. Vigoda et al
113. Spanish mountains
115. Clown
116. Texas metropolis
119. Carnival
121. Kansas river
122. Disposes
123. Geraint's wife
124. Actor Richard
125. Curt
126. Observes
127. Ready for picking
128. God - you, one and all

DOWN

1. A thing of value
2. Abundant
3. Bakery items
4. Elevator name
5. After tax
6. Actress Meryl
7. English river
8. Fruit
9. Hellbender
10. Thing, at law
11. Tennis Great
12. Word with face
13. Paid attention to
14. Scottish snow
15. Jab
16. Roman roads
17. To the point
18. German steel city
24. More crippled
26. Tooth
29. Illk
33. Son of Hera
35. Type of type
37. Portico
39. Anti-drugs
40. Ala -
41. Madrid winter month
43. Follower for tail
44. Animal enclosure
45. Adjoin
46. Descartes
47. ESP user
48. The bard's river
50. Trick
51. Hebrew measure
52. Salts in Lyon
54. " - to green" (golfing term)
56. Examination
59. " - to know"

61. Has fringe on the top
64. "Dear -" (salutation)
66. Compass heading
67. Darling to a C&W singer
69. Health resorts
70. Give up
71. Word with major or minor
72. Red dyes
73. Gusset
74. Horseshoe's term
75. Luckless person - 3 words
76. Famous Aunt et al
77. Greek 700's
78. GWTW locale
79. Seed covering
80. Venom
84. Drive on
86. Mr. Slaughter
89. Water to Ovid
91. French ruling body
93. Abound
94. Radar relative
96. Works hard
98. Divest
99. Stupefy
100. Expunge
101. Coin of Iraq
103. Found in a bottle?
105. Sharpen again
106. Girl (French)
107. Friends to 106D
108. College brass
110. Picks on
112. Lateral
114. Princess in India
115. Clayey soil
117. Born
118. CIA forerunner
120. Catch red handed

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The Agawam Historical Association will meet Wednesday, January 29th, at 7:30 p.m., in the Captain Charles Leonard House.

The speaker will be John Litchfield, who will talk about colonial coinage.

At this meeting, small groups will share their perceptions about historical events or persons who have had a significant impact upon their lives.

A group of Agawam young people will tell about the influence that historic persons have had upon their lives.

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Artisans may also submit up to three entries for the award show portion of the festival. This special exhibit housed in the Stanley Park Meeting House will feature \$3,000 in prize money. Categories include fine arts, photography, crafts, and textile arts. All entries will be juried for acceptance.

To receive an application, please write: Westfest '86, Westfield Arts Council, Box 1704, Westfield, MA, 01085.

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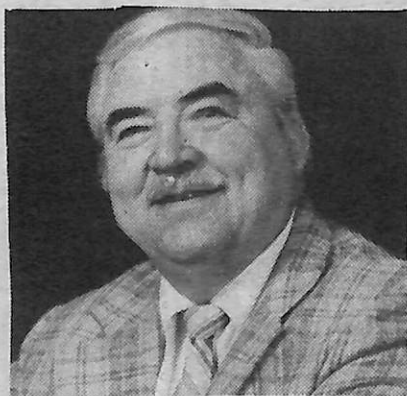
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Find out first-hand from four famous artists what life is like in 16th and 19th-century France and late 18th and 19th-century America. A French artist known as the "Master MM" will describe all aspects of life in the middle ages by referring to specific scenes in his painting "Deposition with Saints Sebastian and Roche." He will also reveal his painting techniques of egg tempera and mixing pigments.

Then, Impressionist Claude Monet, smartly dressed in his straw hat and tweed jacket, will show you his techniques, vastly different 350 years later from those used by the Master MM.

Monet and his colleagues now have oil paints in tubes and box easels, making it easier for them to paint out-of-doors rather than in the studio. Monet focuses on subjects that the Master MM would never have dreamed of painting. He also paints with a variety of implements, not just a brush, and his painting style and choice of colors have certainly changed from earlier days.

What is it like to pose stiffly for hours for a group portrait? Angus Nickelson emerges from Ralph Earl the Elder's painting (circa 1796) to tell you. He'll talk about his family, how they dressed, and how they lived in the exciting early period of America's development as a nation.

Compare his world to that of painter Erastus Salisbury Field's grandmother's of several decades later when she has her chance to speak. Just think - what would your grandmother want to say to her?!

Sheryl Stoodley, an actress from Northampton, will coordinate games and activities around the four characters using theatre techniques that involve audience participation. Ms. Stoodley spent four years with the Stage One Theatre Lab at the Boston Center for the Arts. She has interned at Stage West in Springfield and has worked with the ABIA (American Branch of International Artists) in Northampton.

From 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., on both Sundays, storyteller Sumner McClain will explore Field's massive painting, "The Historical Monument of the American Republic" (circa 1876) as a takeoff for his stories on themes related to black emancipation in America. Appropriate for all age levels, McClain's programs address multicultural appreciation, black history, African folk tales, and original stories and tales from around the world.

A member of the National Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling, McClain loves to tell stories that celebrate the human spirit. He is known throughout the greater Boston area as an actor, director, social worker, and educational administrator. He has combined his theatre experience with storytelling to schools, civic groups, churches, and the elderly.

Ongoing studio activities, led by an artist, will encourage you to create your own costumes, such as hats, collars, and other pieces of clothing from the past, and wear them home.

Let's Talk Travel

by Julie Mercadante
Liberty Travel



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First Church Of Christ Sets Next Springfield Concert

The next concert of the 1985-86 "Music At First" series will be held Sunday, February 2nd, at 4:00 p.m., and will feature the Pioneer Valley Cappella.

The 17 members of the group are directed by Mallorie Chernin, choir director at Amherst College. She has served on music faculties at the Eastman School of Music, Smith College, and Hampshire College, and is a doctoral candidate at the Hartt School of Music in Hartford.

Ms. Chernin will be assisted by Gregory Hayes, harpsichord, Alice Robbins, baroque cello, and Emily Samuels, recorder.

Works to be performed on this program include:

Sonata in C Major, Greg Philipp, Telemann; Missa Sopra "Ein Kindelein so lobelich," Telemann; The Blessed Son of God, Ralph Vaughan Williams; Two Selections, Gregorian Chant; "Hodie Christus Natus Est," Luca Marenzio; Three Selections, Gregorian Chant; and "Ave Maria," Jacob Arcadelt and Igor Stravinsky.

Also, Sonata in D Major, Henry Butler; Three Selections, Jacobus Gallus (Handl); "Gloria," Hans Leo Hassler and Randall Thompson; Mass (World Premiere), Theodore Morrison.

This concert will be held at the Meeting House of the First Church, Court Square, Springfield, and there is no admission charge.

Everyone is invited to the reception which follows the concert in the Latimer Room of the Church Parish House.

Tole Painting Class At Valley Historical Museum

A six-week tole and decorative painting class will be offered starting Tuesday, February 4th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

Alice D. Smith, curator of education and early American decorative artist, will instruct the class, emphasizing proper brush stroke techniques and pattern execution of early American designs on folk art projects.

During the six-week class of basic tole methods, participants will complete "Country Style" projects on wood and tin. Supplies necessary for the first class are: pencil, ruler, scissors, and 9x12 inch tracing pad. The materials list will be given at the first class.

Fee of the class is \$42 (\$38 for Friends of the Quadrangle). Pre-registration is required. Class size is limited.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a member of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

Agawam Library Offers Preschool Storytime

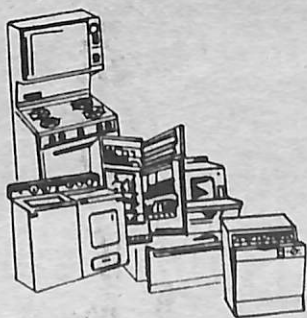
The Agawam Public Library will offer a four-week parent/child pre-school storytime in February, beginning Wednesday, February 5th, from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

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Sports



AGAWAM'S TINA PIRNIE cranks out a second place in the 200- IM vs. the Minnechaug Falcons, Friday, January 17th...



...AND TAKES A WELL-DESERVED rest following completion of the grueling race. Advertiser News photos by R.T. McMullen.

Division A Falcons Fly Over Brownie Swimmers

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Division A power Minnechaug Regional High School of Wilbraham used all its resources to record victories in boys' and girls' swimming over Agawam High, Friday, January 17th, despite some excellent individual performances by Agawam.

The Agawam boys' team saw its record dip to 4-3-1 by absorbing the 103-60 setback to the Falcons. The AHS gals dropped to 2-6 against the 5-1 Falcons after the 99-61 loss. Both Brownie teams are coached by Dave Smith.

Agawam's Division A schedule finalizes with meets vs. traditional power Cathedral, and always tough Northampton. Following these meets, the locals will return to more friendly Division B waters.

The Brownie gals had several highlights vs. Minnechaug, including an incredible performance by sophomore Anne Llewellyn in the 500-yard freestyle.

Despite finishing second, Llewellyn shaved seven seconds, that right, seven seconds off her best in the 500 (5:35.72) to again shatter her own school record in this event.

Jennifer Scalice recorded two personal best times, one for a first place finish in the 50-yard freestyle

(27.10) and the other for second place in the 100 freestyle (59.63).

Diver Beth Marzano came closer to qualifying for the Western Mass. Tournament with a score of 138.05, good for first place vs. the Falcons.

The 400 free relay team of Tina Pirnie, Judy

Pignatere, Scalice, and Llewellyn were just one second off the school record with a time of 4:12.5.

Pirnie notched a first place in the 100 backstroke in 1:11.7, and a second place in the 200 IM in 2:32.62.

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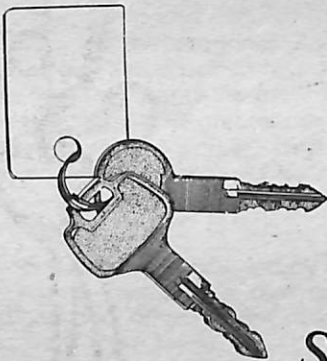
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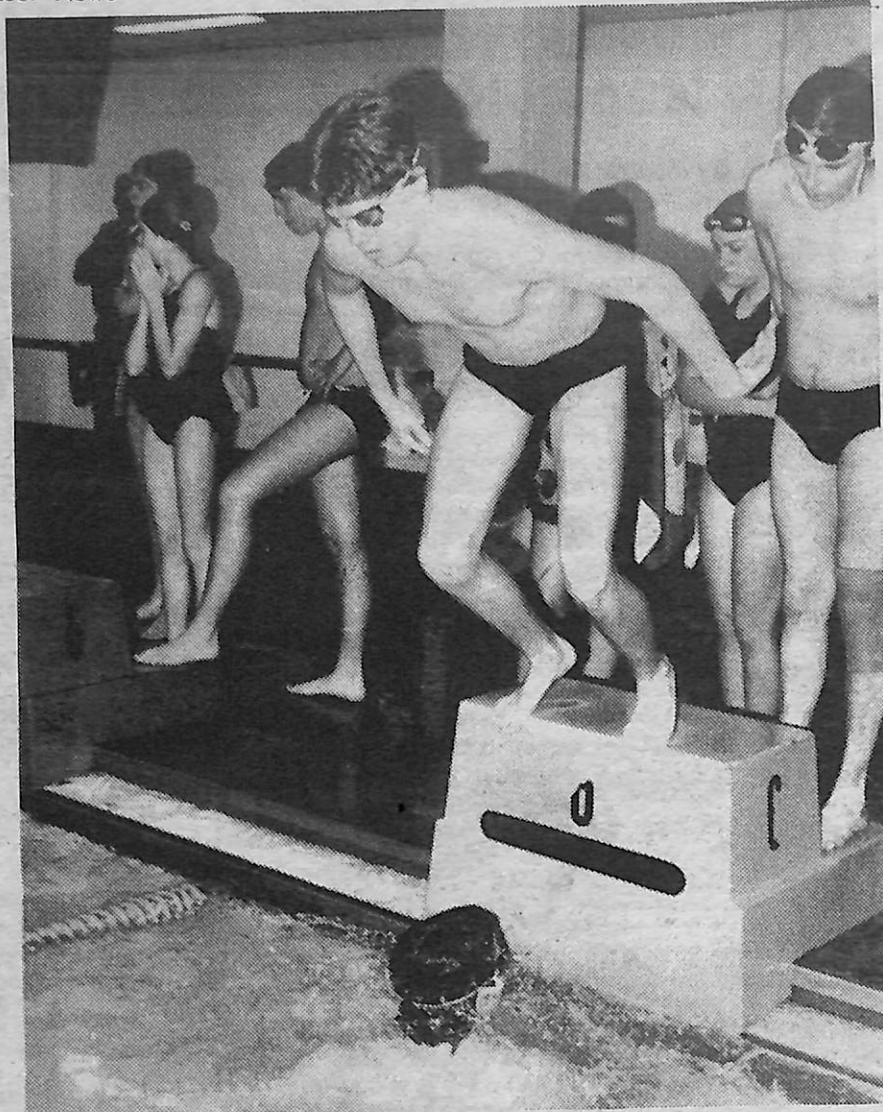
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AGAWAM'S ANTHONY RONGHI moves through the water in butterfly competition vs. Minnechaug's Falcons, Friday, January 17th. The Falcons handily stopped the locals at the junior high pool. Advertiser News photo

by R.T. McMullen.



FRESHMAN JOHN BELLIVEAU prepares to relieve a teammate in a relay race vs. Minnechaug. Advertiser News

photo by R.T. McMullen.

Sno-Ball Softball Hosted By Tavern Inn

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Don't miss out on the hottest tournament this winter! This year's Sno-Ball Softball Tournament to benefit the March of Dimes will be held February 8th and 9th, at Springfield's Forest Park. The event is being sponsored by the Tavern Inn of Springfield.

Sno-Ball Softball is a single elimination softball tournament played in the snow. No snow will be removed from the field. There are three divisions of play - men, women, and co-ed.

Trophies will be awarded to the top teams in each division. Whether you play in a competitive summer league, or get friends together and form a team, Sno-Ball Softball is for you!

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Don't be left out in the cold this winter!

For more information, call the March of Dimes, 739-9601.

SWIMMING - From Page 30...

Dana Orsucci continued to improve in his first year on the team with a first place in the 100 backstroke (1:07.24) and second in the 200 freestyle (1:58.80) Paul Enderle was tops in the 100 backstroke.

The 400 free relay team recorded its best time this year (3:48.80) with efforts from Mike Wojcik, Jason Osborne, Richie Vezis, and Orsucci.

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AAA Suburban Boys' Playoff Hopefuls

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

From now on, every game for the Agawam Athletic Association's boys' Suburban basketball team counts in order to make the league playoffs.

Its two most recent victories over Easthampton (57-47) and the Holyoke Knights (51-39) brought them closer to a playoff berth. At presstime, Agawam is 7-5 overall and 6-4 in the league.

According to coach John Hyland, his team is sitting in fifth place with six games left in the regular season. The top four teams in each division of the Suburban Basketball League gain playoff berths.

"We're right in the hunt for a playoff berth," said Hyland. "The boys are playing with more enthusiasm and the fact we have a shot at the playoffs gives them a purpose for the rest of the season."

Hyland figures West Springfield, Northampton, Southampton, and Chicopee Moose to be the frontrunning teams at presstime.

Everyone on the team got a shot to play in the win over Easthampton. Offensive sparkplugs included John Regish (19) and Joe Modzelewski (16), both of whom played prominent roles in the decisive fourth quarter.

Easthampton kept it close through the game, but aggressive offensive performances from Mike Wright, Brett Boskiewicz, Matt Gibby, Scott Anderson, Mike Pellegrino, and John Battista gave Agawam the edge.

Strong rebounding from Brian Connery and Dave Kozel also figured importantly into the win.

A 22-point surge in the fourth quarter lifted Agawam to the win over the Holyoke Knights.

Agawam started off slow with just a 9-8 first quarter lead. Point guard Sean Smith led the attack with slick ballhandling and chipped in 8 points. Mike Morassi and Modzelewski each popped 12 points, while Regish canned 13.

Strong contributions from Todd Hyland, Chris Corgan, and Sean Pirnie off the bench ignited Agawam's play in the second half.

Westfield Bombers Blast Frosh, 66-36

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

An aggressive Westfield High used a wicked man-to-man press to strangle the Agawam Junior High freshman basketball team, 66-36, Tuesday, January 21st.

Agawam also came up short in a low-scoring, defensive battle vs. Chicopee, 39-31, Friday, January 17th. First-year coach Rex Evans' hoopsters are 3-5 at presstime.

The Warriors will host Minnechaug, Friday, January 24th, and will travel to Longmeadow, Tuesday, January 28th.

Agawam felt the force of Westfield's defense when it fell behind, 27-6 after the first quarter. The Whip City quintet never looked back.

"Once we fell behind by such a big margin, we just couldn't get back on track," said Evans. "Westfield's press was very effective and it took us right out of our game."

Poor passing and ball movement prevented the Warriors from generating any type of set offense. Guard Aaron Vanderhoof was Agawam's top scorer with 9.

Agawam maintained the lead vs. Chicopee throughout most of the game but then went completely cold in the fourth quarter. The locals led, 24-22 at the intermission and by one point after the third quarter buzzer.

Chicopee's offense sputtered but had enough of a limp to overtake the Warriors down the stretch. John Serra netted 12 points and Vanderhoof collected 8.

"I felt like we were playing evenly with Chicopee in the first half," said Evans. "I told the team at halftime that we had Chicopee's number and that we should put them away. Our scoring lapse in the fourth quarter really hurt us."

Barbarini's Late Goal Saves Brownies, 4-4

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Agawam's Bob Barbarini netted a goal with five seconds left in the game to salvage a come-from-behind tie vs. West Springfield, 4-4, Tuesday, January 21st, at the Eastern States Coliseum in schoolboy hockey action.

That tie came after Agawam was humbled, 9-3 by Cathedral, Friday, January 19th. The locals are 2-6-1 at presstime.

The next outing for the locals will be a Berry Division rematch vs. West Springfield, Wednesday, January 28th.

Barbarini's goal came 55 seconds after Brusco pulled netminder Mike Ruggeri to give his team an extra-hand offensively.

This was the fourth time the Brownies pulled its goalie this year. In the previous three tries, the opposition scored into the empty net.

With time running out and down by a goal, the locals head-manned the puck out of its own end and rushed for the Terriers' goal. Barbarini fired the puck into the net off an assist from forward Pete Sibilia.

"I was very pleased with the way the kids came back," said Brusco. "We gave a lot of scoring chances to West Springfield, but the defense hung in there tough."

Barbarini wasn't the only scoring hero as sophomore Ricky Parolo scored a hattrick, including a goal with five minutes left in the game off a Barbarini feed.

West Side took a 2-0 lead thanks to center Ed Hall's two goals. He scored one more in the second session, while teammate Aaron Pundt added a singleton.

Defensively, the Brownies received good performances from goalies Mike Augusti and Ruggeri, and Dennis Punch, Tony Young, and Lee Chrisanthopoulos were solid on the backline.

Augusti and Ruggeri each stopped 23 shots.

It was the best period of hockey that Agawam played all season when in trailed Cathedral, a middle-of-the-pack team in the Berry Division this season, 1-0 after one period.

Cathedral is the perennial hockey power in Western Mass. year-in and year-out, but graduation and loss of key players to prep schools and amateur hockey leagues have depleted its ranks considerably.

"We played a great first period against Cathedral, but they got a couple of breaks and took advantage of them," said Brusco. "We've been coming from behind all season but this was the first time the kids fell so far behind it was impossible to do so."

Parolo scored two goals and Barbarini tallied a solo for Agawam's scoring.

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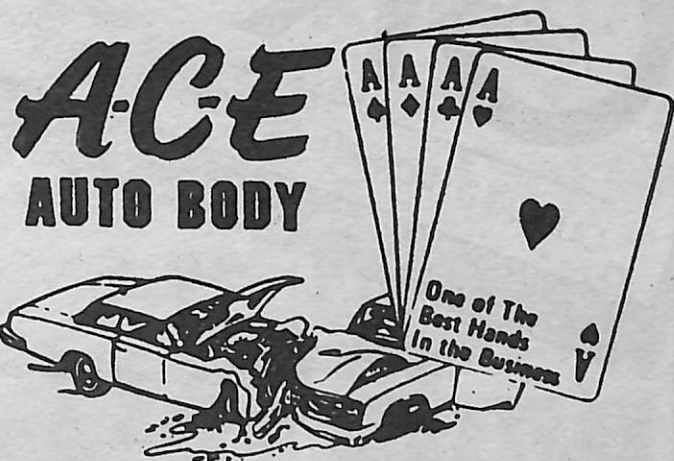
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Bombers Upset Brownies, 67-66

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Paul Mason's off-balance jumper from the key area with four seconds remaining lifted Westfield High to an exciting, 67-66 upset victory over the Agawam High Brownies, Tuesday, January 21st, in Valley Wheel action before a near capacity house at the Agawam High.

This one was a real heartbreaker as the Brownies were the clear-cut favorites. Also, the locals were coming off its best offensive output in years, a 91-86 victory over Chicopee, Friday, January 17th.

The local favorites are now 6-4 overall and are still in second place in the Valley Wheel at presstime. Chicopee Comp (8-1) is setting the pace in the Wheel.

Unfortunately for Mike Martin's Brownies, the loss may prove very costly at the regular season's end. With the resurgence of Brownie basketball and its competitive nature in 1985-86, it wasn't too far-fetched to start thinking about a possible tournament bid for Agawam High.

This loss certainly won't help.

The Brownies will host Minnechaug Regional of Wilbraham, Friday, January 24th, and Longmeadow, Tuesday, January 28th.

A scrappy Westfield team (2-8), who have also suffered a basketball drought in recent years, clawed its way back into the game behind the shooting of Mason and Joe Connors (22).

A baseline jumper by Bert Rovetto with 41 seconds left gave the Bombers its first lead of the night, 65-64.

The Brownies' Ray Leclair nailed a pair of free throws with 16 seconds left to give the home folks the tying and go-ahead points, 66-65. Mason's basket, however, broke the hearts of the screaming partisan crowd just four seconds before the buzzer sounded.

"Westfield outplayed and outthrustled us and they deserved to win," said a not-so-happy Martin afterwards. "It was very disappointing because it was a game we were expecting to win. All is not lost and hopefully, the kids will learn from it."

Martin was correct. The Brownies' normal high-pitched intensity was tuned down a notch, perhaps because the players figured the Bombers would be an easy catch.

The locals received outstanding performances from senior center Paul Scoville and senior guard Mike Chausse. Scoville worked very hard on both ends of the court, scoring a team-high 21 points, including an impressive 9-10 free throw performance.

Chausse hit for 14 points, many of them at key points. He also did well directing the Brownies offense when point guard Tim Lockwood got into foul difficulties.

The Brownies stormed out to a 19-10 first quarter lead behind 10 points from Scoville, including a baseline jumper at the buzzer. Agawam's bothersome press took Westfield out of its offense in the early-going, especially with help from Chausse, Lockwood, Leclair, and Paul Fetherston.

A more confident Westfield team emerged in the second quarter as it took advantage of a breakdown in Agawam's defense.

Chausse came on strong offensively, including an outside jumper on the buzzer to give his team a 34-25 halftime lead.

Westfield came within three with 46 seconds left in the third quarter on a pair of free throws by Connors (44-41). That surge carried into the fourth quarter as Agawam saw its once comfortable lead shaved to between three and four points.

In the foul-plagued fourth quarter, both teams kept the score close as the charity stripe was used liberally. A total of 14 players went to the line in the final eight minutes.

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Boys 10-12

Polish Club	3	0
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Boys 13-15

Polish Club	3	0
Provin Mt. Farm	3	0
Aldrich Insurance	1	2
Collins Construction	1	2
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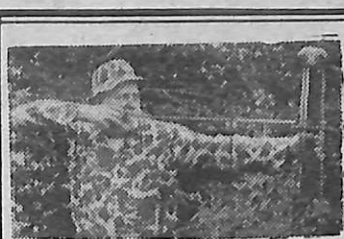


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SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

by Bill Chiba

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New England Outdoorsman Prominent

New England-based outdoorsmen are prominent on the program too. There is Bart Jacob, Vermont turkey caller and author of one of the best books I've read on turkey calling and hunting; Frank Woolner and Jack Fallon, Massachusetts men who are justly famous among saltwater sportsmen; Paul Kukonen, a Worcester film-maker and lecturer; John Randolph, the Vermont resident who is editor of *Fly Fisherman* magazine; and George Klucky, a Concord, New Hampshire native who produces movies and video cassettes on a wide variety of hunting and fishing subjects.

All the major national tackle manufacturers will be represented at the Expo, along with hundreds of smaller firms, as well as many leading retailers with special show bargains.

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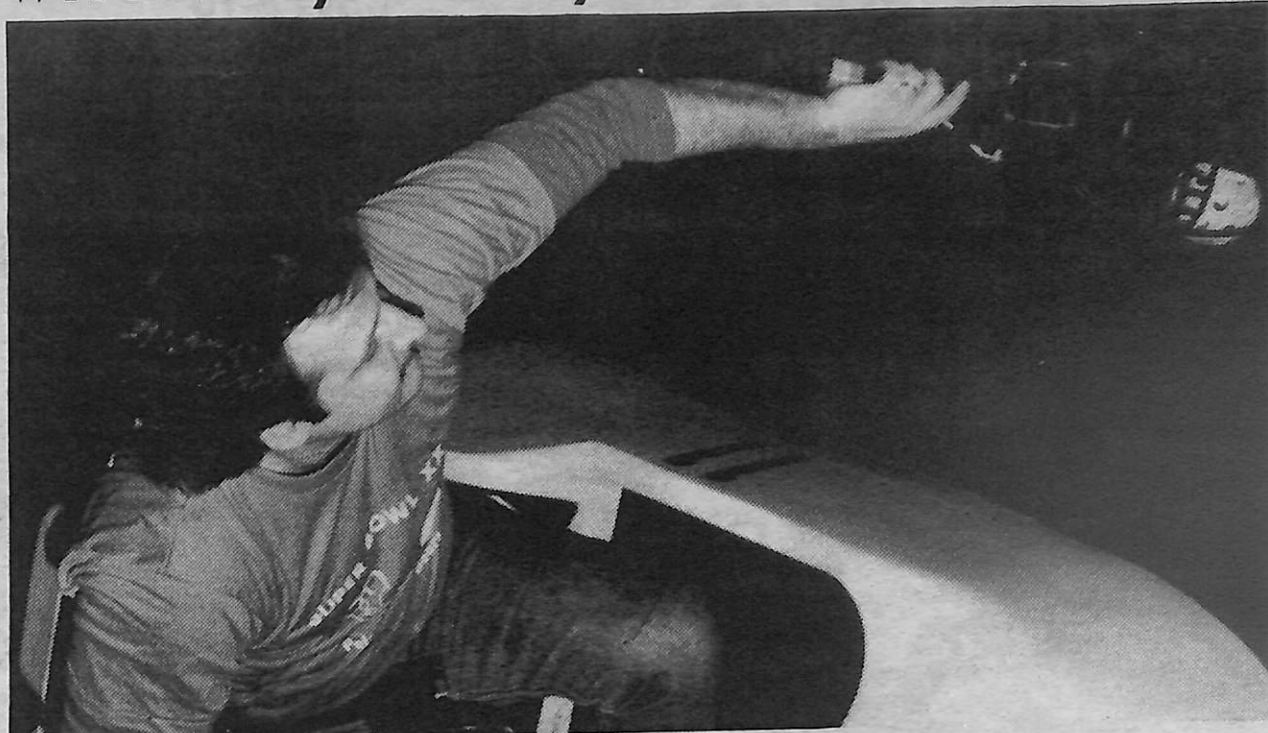
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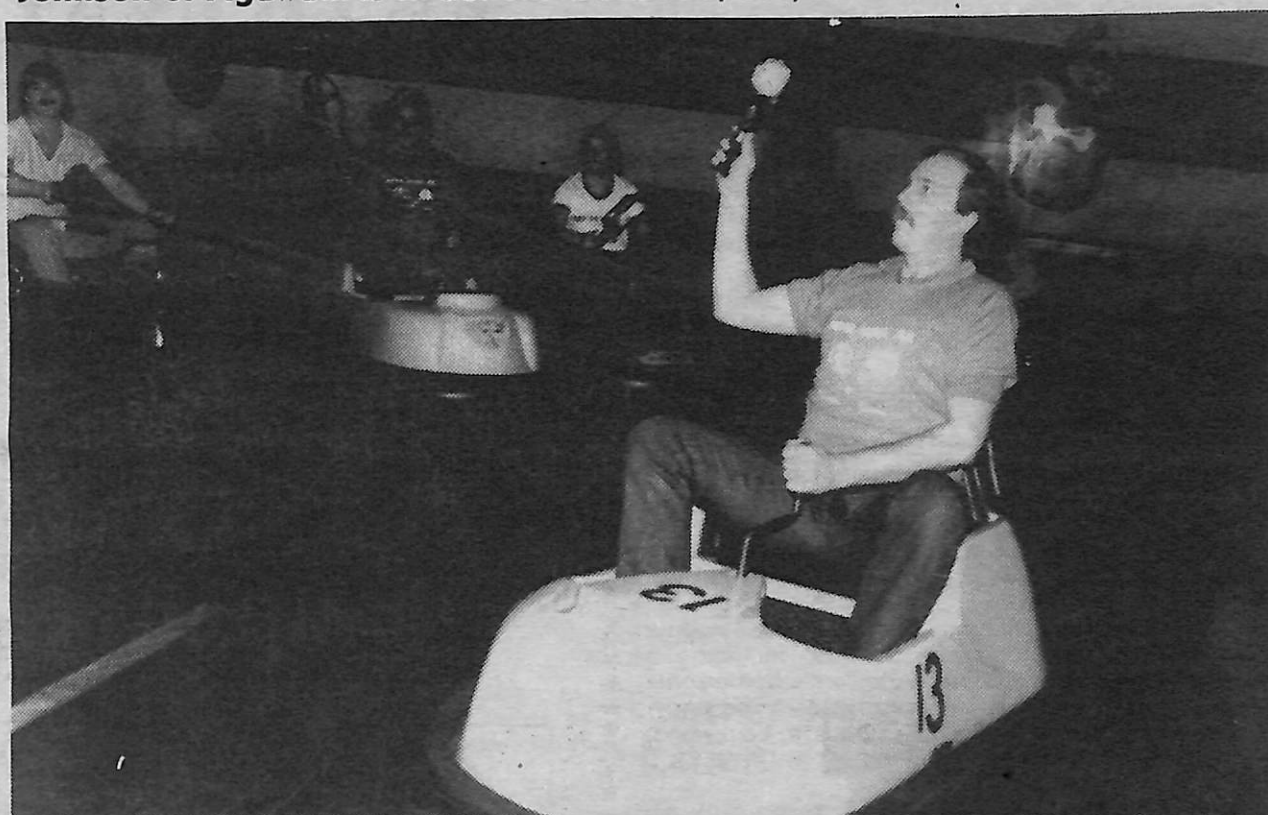
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Master of ceremonies for the evening will be local sports personality Jack O'Neill, and the Hartford Whalers Sylvain Cote, Jack Evans, Chuck Kaiton, Paul Lawless, Paul MacDermid and Dana Murzyn. Also present will be Philadelphia Flyers player scout Walt Atanas.

All proceeds from the event will benefit local patient-aid and research programs of the Western Massachusetts Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America.

For tickets or more information, contact the Leukemia Society Office, 788-0586.

West Springfield Rec Dept. Conducts Aerobic Program

The West Springfield Recreation Department will conduct an Adult Aerobic Exercise Program on Monday evenings, beginning January 20th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The eight-week program will be held at the Mitineague School, under the direction of Ms. Debbie Tracy, a certified aerobic's instructor.

The cost of the program is \$22 per person, payable at the time of registration.

Pre-registration is required and may be made either in person or by mail, to the West Springfield Recreation Department, 26 Central Street, 01089.

Agawam Fire Department Shows Patriotism



THE AGAWAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, as part of a Super Bowl promotion of the New England Patriots, hung a neon-type sign outside of the Feeding Hills station to show support for the home team vs. the Chicago Bears. TV-22 was sponsoring a best-sign contest throughout its viewing area, with the best getting Super Bowl tickets. Pictured under sign are, from left - Doug Cesan, Joe Shaer, and Jim Sibilia. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

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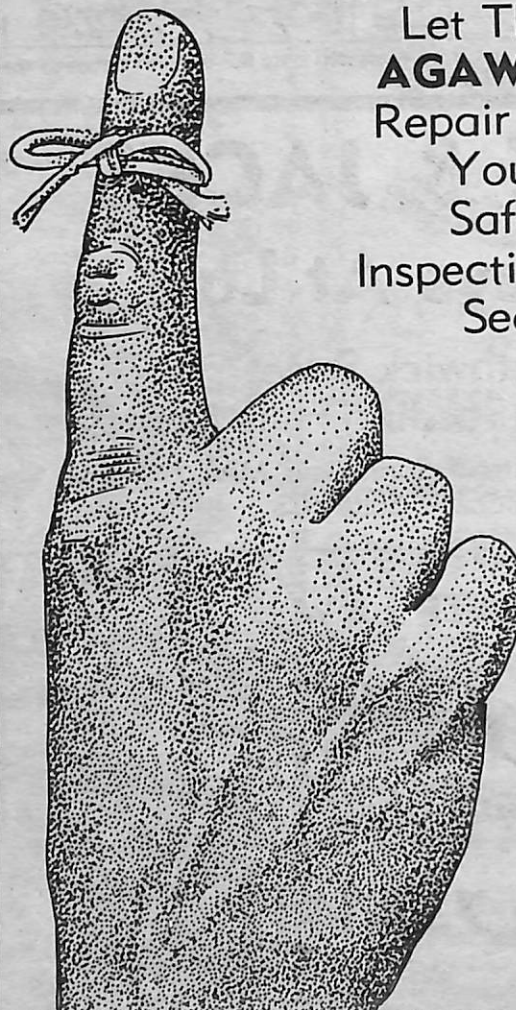
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Registration for both youth and adult programs will be daily Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Parks and Recreation Office which has been moved to the Agawam High School, right driveway, rear entrance. Look for the signs.

All fees are payable in advance of the program to the Town of Agawam. There will be no refunds of the program fee unless the program is cancelled.

All programs are subject to change due to gymnasium availability and participation.

All programs will be cancelled on any day school is closed due to inclement weather. Notification will be placed on radio station WMAS - AM & FM. If you are still in doubt, call the Recreation Office at 786-0400, extension 456.

WOMEN'S EXERCISE AND SWIM

This program offers an organized exercise program and a free swim period.

SESSION: January 20th to March 24th (10 weeks).

TIME: Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Agawam Junior High School gym "A".
REGISTRATION: Parks and Recreation Office, Agawam High School.

PROGRAM FEE: \$20 per person. No refunds.

INSTRUCTOR: Willie Fortini.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL & SWIM

This program offers recreational volleyball and a free swim period.

SESSION: January 20th to March 24th. 10 weeks.

TIME: Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Agawam Junior High School Gym "B".
REGISTRATION: Parks and Recreation Office, Agawam High School.

ICE SKATING PROGRAM - FIGURE

Professional instruction will be given by the Sun Valley Skating Club. This program will be structured for beginners and is limited to the first 30 to register.

SESSION: January 18th to March 8th (8 weeks)

TIME: Saturdays, 4:10 to 5:10 p.m.

LOCATION: Eastern States Coliseum - West Springfield.

REGISTRATION: Parks and Recreation Office, Agawam High School.

PROGRAM FEE: \$20 per person. No refunds.

INSTRUCTIONS: Sun Valley Skating Club.



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PROGRAM FEE: \$20 per person. No refunds.

INSTRUCTOR: Willie Fortini.

MEN'S RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL

This program is informal. It provides exercise, fun, and competition.

SESSION: January 21st to March 25th. 10 weeks.

TIME: Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Agawam Middle School, large gym.

REGISTRATION: Parks and Recreation Office, Agawam High School.

PROGRAM FEE: \$20 per person. No refunds.

SUPERVISOR: Peter Parrotta.

DANCE-AEROBICS

This course is a blend of exercise and dance. It firms and tones the body, exercises the heart and lungs, promotes flexibility, develops rhythm and is pure and simple fun.

SESSION: January 21/23 to March 11/13. 8 weeks.

TIME: Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Agawam Middle School, small gym.

REGISTRATION: Parks and Recreation Office, Agawam High School.

PROGRAM FEE: \$35 per person. No refunds. If you wish to join for one night, cost will be \$20 per person.

INSTRUCTOR: Debbie Tracy and staff.

HATHA YOGA PROGRAM

This course is designed to totally relax the body and mind through special movements and exercise. It is open to both youths (over 12) and adults. Class is limited to 10.

SESSION: January 22nd to March 12th. 8 weeks.

TIME: Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Agawam Middle School, small gym.

REGISTRATION: Parks and Recreation Office, Agawam High School.

PROGRAM FEE: \$20 per person. No refunds.

INSTRUCTOR: Francis Carmel.

OPEN GYM

SESSION: January 6th to March 24th.

TIME: Mondays, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Agawam High School gym.

REGISTRATION: Not required.

FEE: \$2.00 per person. Pay supervisor at the door.

MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE (OVER 30)

This adult basketball league is for anyone who has reached their 30th year of life. The "over 30" league is organized for both total teams or individuals who would like to be assigned to a team. For further information, contact the league commissioner Peter Hanson at 786-2355. Games will be played on Sunday mornings beginning in January.

SCUBA INSTRUCTION

Scuba instruction will be offered April 15th to May 1st. If interested, please watch the *Agawam Advertiser News* for further information or call the Parks and Recreation Office in March.

CIVIC ORGANIZATION GYM & SWIM

The Junior High School gym and pool will be available to civic groups and clubs of Agawam on Friday nights through reservation. There will be a \$25 charge per hour. This fee includes the lifeguard.

SESSION: January through May 1986.

TIME: Friday, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Agawam Junior High School gym and pool.

REGISTRATION: Parks and Recreation Office, Agawam High School.

RECREATIONAL SWIM SCHEDULE

The pool at the Agawam Junior High School will be open for public swim on Sunday afternoons and Monday evenings. It is recommended that you leave no valuables in the locker room or the pool area. A lifeguard will be on duty. The pool is open to both youths and adults.

SESSION: Sundays, January 19th to March 23rd.

TIME: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

SESSION: Mondays, January 20th to March 24th.

TIME: 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Agawam Junior High School pool.

REGISTRATION: Not required.

POOL FEE: \$1 per person. Pay the lifeguard on duty.

All pool rules are in effect. No cut-offs are allowed in the pool.

INSURANCE: The Town of Agawam does not carry insurance to cover hospitalization or medical costs of anyone injured while participating in or watching any of the Parks and Recreation Department's programs. Please note - you enter our programs at your own risk.

Youth Programs

YOUTH BATON INSTRUCTION

Youth baton instruction will be held at the Agawam Middle School on Thursday afternoons. The classes will begin after February vacation. Information will be sent home through the schools.

SELF-DEFENSE

This course provides the necessary skills and knowledge in protecting oneself in tight situations. This program is open to adults and children (over 12 with parental consent). We must have at least 12 people registered to run the program.

SESSION: February 3rd to March 24th.

TIME: Mondays, 6:00 to 7:20 p.m.

LOCATION: Agawam Junior High School gym.

REGISTRATION: Parks and Recreation Office, Agawam High School.

PROGRAM FEE: \$20 per person. No refunds unless the program is not run.

INSTRUCTOR: Scott Skolnick

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SWIM TEAM (PIRANHAS)

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Georgetown Tops Pack In Tri-Parish Bowling, Behind Moccio

For the first time in many a blue moon, Georgetown (23 wins) is the top dog in the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League. Captain AL "The Fearsome One" Moccio was all smiles after the 8th week of Round Two was over.

St. Anselm's, the team who has been leading for most of this round, took a severe tumble to Round One winner Boston College, four wins to none. St. A's is now in second place with 21 wins.

G-Town vaulted to the top of the heap by sweeping faltering Loyola (9th place-14 wins). JOHN MLINEK led-off with a 279-229 victory over SHARON ROVITHIS. But Loyola's "Miss Consistent," MAYBETH COUGHLIN, defeated JAY LAGODITZ, 283-241.

However, the match turned decisively in G-Town's favor when CHERLY PRZESZLO overmatched local jewelry expert RON HAMEL, 308-280 and Moccio completely overwhelmed one of his long-time rivals, EDDIE ANDERSON, 331-258. To say the least, Anderson was running for cover.

Boston College made St. A's pay dearly in a four wins to none match. BC flexed its muscles for the first time in this round and is now in 5th place (17 wins).

BC winners included TONY DEPALO (313) and Round One MVP BOBBY MOCCIO (416). Moccio's

titantic score was just 10 pins short of STU STORK'S season-high 426. Moccio has been lethargic and rather care-free in this round, but in week eight returned to form.

Poor St. A's captain VI MASSOIA could only watch. Her score of 319 was solid, but was totally dismantled and shattered by Moccio's high-rolling.

Holy Cross (3rd place-18 wins) moved up in the rankings by taking three wins from lowly St Mary's (11th place-12 wins). Winners for HC, who took a fall in week seven but have picked themselves up again, were DANA PEPPER (275), ERNIE BLAIR (305), and captain STU STORK (343).

St. Mary's certainly rolled a good match of its own. Firing well in a losing cause were STEVE DEVANEY (290), AUDREY PHILLIPS (300), and captain FRED MORASSI (334). The Stork-Morassi match was a highly competitive one.

Villanova, the Round One runners-up, is again on the move, however, it's a little late for this round. Villanova (8th place-14½ wins) really put a crimp in the style of St. Louis (4th place-18 wins). St. Lou, the defending grand champions, needed much more to keep pace with G-Town and St. A's.

Winners for Villanova were JEAN BUONICONTI (278) and anchorman STEVE ROVITHIS, who really

slammed the door on St. Lou. He took 46 pins from St. Lou captain DEBBIE POIRIER (304). Villanova captain FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO did his very best to help the St. Lou cause by sputtering and putting for a 278 in a loss to MIKE O'CONNELL, Jr. O'Connell threw a 305, making the 350 by Rovithis all the more important.

Lowly Notre Dame (10th place-13½ wins) took three wins from up-and-down St. Michael (6th place-16 wins). Winners for ND were PEG TASSINARI (294) and RENEE JURY (315). St. Mike's winners were captain MIKE O'CONNELL (324) and GINNY BENJAMIN (279). The difference in this match was that Peg Tassinari and Renee Jury were able to win their matches by better scores than O'Connell and Ginny Benjamin of St. Mike's.

The final match of the night saw Fordham (7th place-15 wins) take out its frustrations on everyone's favorite target, last place Catholic University (10 wins).

Fordham winners were JOE RESCIGNO (287) and captain ANN O'CONNELL (310). CU anchorman STEF STEPANIAN could only muster a 292 in his battle with Ann O'Connell - while the war between the SNYDER boys, JIM (CU) and RICHARD (Fordham), resulted in a close, 309-302 victory for Jim, who is still ailing from a pulled leg muscle.

Home Fire Hazards Can Be Avoided -by Rusty Jenks, Fire Chief

There are over 1,700 home fires every day in this country. On an average one home starts burning every minute.

Home fires cause death, injury and property damage, yet most of them are preventable. People need to be aware of the careless ways fires start and they need to periodically check for fire hazards. The Agawam Fire Department recommends the use of the following checklist:

Electricity -

Are all appliance cords and extension cords in good condition? Worn or damaged cords can start a fire.

Are all electrical cords in the open...not under rugs, over nails or through the doorway?

Are all appliances with hot surfaces and light bulbs

kept away from things that burn easily (i.e., paper, cloth, etc.)?

Heating -

Are all combustibles such as paper, boxes, and trash at least three feet from your furnace and hot water heater?

Before the heating season, do you have your furnace inspected and cleaned?

Do you have a tight fitting metal or glass screen or door on all woodburning devices?

Do you know never to start a fire in your fireplace, or anywhere, with gasoline?

Do you have your chimney cleaned regularly? Soot can cause fires.

Are portable heaters placed away from combustibles and where they won't tip over?

Do you turn off portable heaters before going to bed?

Cooking -

Do you know never to wear loose-fitting clothing near the stove?

Are cooking appliance cords kept up on the counter, out of the reach of children?

Are pot handles turned inward to avoid scalding accidents?

Are young children kept away from cooking areas?

Are cooking areas kept clean of grease?

Have you removed things you use often from the cabinet or shelf above the stove?

Do you know never to use water or flour on a grease fire? Use the lid to the pan, baking soda, or a fire extinguisher.

Flammable Liquids -

Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM) approved metal safety cans outside the house?

Do you know never to use gasoline to clean?

When you use flammable liquids (look on the label to tell if it is flammable), do you use them in a well-ventilated area away from heat sources?

Outdoors -

Do you keep your yard, fences and areas near the house free of trash, dry grass and leaves?

Is the BBQ grill kept away from combustibles and where it will not tip over on anyone?

Do you use charcoal lighter fluid only before applying the match and never after the fire has started?

Do you always wait for motors (lawn mower, mini-bike, etc.) to cool down before refueling them?

Do you extinguish all cigarettes when refueling your car at the gas station?

Matches And Careless Smoking -

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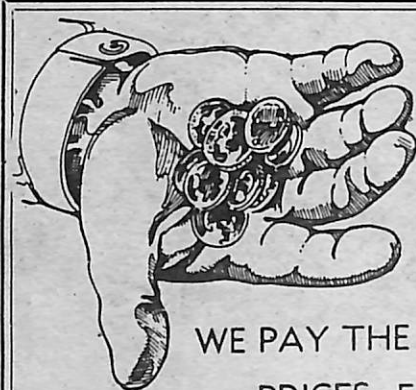
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Is Rooting For You*

Berry The Bears!

